

RELATIONS WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Whereas the AMS may from time to time be interested in joining external organizations; and

Whereas once in an organization, the AMS may want to alter its status within that organization or leave it altogether; and

Whereas some of these decisions may involve additional expenditures of AMS funds,

Therefore be it resolved that the following general principle be adopted as an AMS Internal Policy:

That any decision concerning an external organization that involves an ongoing increase in expenditures by the AMS shall require a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council to take effect.

For further clarity, this shall mean:

- 1) A decision to join an external organization shall require a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council to take effect, unless there is no charge involved in joining the organization, in which case an ordinary Resolution of Council (i.e., a simple majority) is all that shall be required.
- 2) A decision by AMS Council to alter the status of the AMS within an external organization so that the AMS would be required to pay a higher level of fees or otherwise increase AMS payments to the organization (for instance, a move from associate to full membership in an external organization) shall require a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of Council to take effect.
- 3) A decision by AMS Council to alter the status of the AMS within an external organization so that the AMS would pay the same or less than before (for instance, by moving from full to associate membership) shall require an ordinary Resolution of Council to take effect (i.e., a simple majority).

A decision by AMS Council to leave an external organization shall require an ordinary Resolution of Council to take effect, even if there is a one-time financial penalty for making this decision.