

# February Report of the AMS Governance Committee

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Hello Council!

We had a busy month in Governance land and we are excited to be moving on to work other than the Bylaws referendum. This report outlines the work done since my previous report of January 20, 2019.

## 1 Completed Work

Governance Committee presented our recommendations arising from our Bylaw review to Council on February 6, 2019. The changes were approved to go to referendum with minor changes. I thank everyone who provided their feedback, both at Council and beforehand. I am working with Ian, one of the referenda co-ordinators, to ensure that voters have enough information to make an informed decision.

## 2 Ongoing and Upcoming Work

### 2.1 Policy I-9

Governance Committee has finished reviewing Policy I-9, Executive Goal Setting and Reporting. We have addressed comments for the Executive Committee and the updated policy is being brought to Council for approval on February 27, 2019. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the new policy.

### 2.2 Code Review

At the start of the summer the Governance Committee made it a goal to review AMS Code to determine if any changes should be made by Council. Given the

number of items that have come before the Committee this year, we are no longer actively pursuing this goal. If the Committee has any spare capacity we may target changes to sections of Code which are deemed in particular need of an update.

### **2.3 Recommendations Arising from Council Discussions**

The Governance Committee has begun discussing the feedback provided by Council after our Consultation Period last year. If you still have feedback you can always bring it to me as we still have a ways to go before any changes come to Council.

### **2.4 Audit Committee**

On October 24, 2018, Council asked Governance Committee to “explore the creation of procedures providing the review of the Society’s annual financial statements and auditors report prior to the submission to the membership.” No action has been taken on this item at this time, although I hope to make this the first item of discussion at our next meeting.

We are likely changing our meeting time to Tuesday afternoons, but we are having some difficulty scheduling as a result of AMS Elections and conflicts with debates.

As always, if there is anything in Code you would like to see changed please reach out.