



AMS Operations Committee

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 - Room 3511 at 5:00pm

Members: Cole Evans (Chair - VP Administration), Katherine Westerlund (Councillor), Alex Gonzalez (Senator), Jeanie Malone (BoG Representative), Max Holmes (BoG Representative), Aidan Wilson (Vice-Chair and Student at Large), Lily Liu (Student at Large)

Guests:

Regrets:

Call to Order

Called to order at 5:12pm

Adoption of the Agenda

Note that this agenda was not placed on the AMS website prior to the Committee's meeting.

Moved by: Cole Seconded by: Jeanie

Approved

Approval of Committee Minutes

October 17th, 2019

Moved by : Cole Seconded: Max

Approved

New Table for NEST 3511

Cole presented several options to replace the table in NEST 3511. Consensus: go with the cheapest table option. The Committee discussed tax/shipping costs.



<https://www.wayfair.ca/commercial-business-furniture/pdp/bush-business-furniture-eden-60000-series-boat-shaped-conference-table-c000889288.html?&experientype=2&selectedvertical=3&piid=2051363738%2C2051363735>

<https://www.wayfair.ca/commercial-business-furniture/pdp/mayline-group-sterling-boat-shaped-conference-table-my5950.html?&experientype=2&selectedvertical=3&piid=17581467%2C17581468>

<https://www.wayfair.ca/commercial-business-furniture/pdp/trendway-rectangular-conference-table-tndw1076.html?&experientype=2&selectedvertical=3&piid=21808259%2C21808538>

Max: What is the role of Michael Kingsmill in these decisions?

Cole: He's the project manager not the building manager. Replacement of furniture happens on a very ad-hoc basis.

Max: Can I suggest in the future ops comm doesn't need to do this? Seems like we should have an equivalent of IT-committee

Katherine: Building management sub-committee!

Max: Cole this is your job now, make a proposal for council.

Everybody: Yes cole write a proposal!

Moved by: Cole

Seconded: Max

Thirded (for fun): Jeanie

BIRT Operations Committee approve the purchase of a new table for NEST 3511 from the SUB Repairs and Renewals Fund a cost of \$1700.

Approved unanimously (send to council if necessary).



IFC Review Process Discussion - Membership

Cole: few things. Drafted some new potential rules that may solve problems with clubs that have application/audition processes. Went through IFC bylaws and highlighted potential rule contraventions. Let's start with the first thing.

Cole: New classification, *specialty clubs*. Would need to consider how we would approve these vs regular clubs, and how we would post-grant status to clubs who already exist.

Aiden: I read through it. Think this idea makes sense, maybe this should be a precedent?

Should probably be a pretty restricted status, if we give it to too many people it defeats the purpose of clubs. Need to think more about this before implementation

Max: Give us some examples?

Cole: I'm envisioning 20-30. Thunderbird dance team eg.

Jeanie: Competition based clubs may be a better category?

Cole: UBC improv may be another club for specialty.

Max: we could call them competitive entry clubs?

Cole: seems reasonable, not married to the name.

Jeanie: not sure what the "discretion of ops comm" means.

Max: We approve of it?

Cole: We approve their process.

Max: Oh I read this differently, thought we just approved of them in general.

Aidan: Concerned with opening up competition as a whole category for clubs to shelter from normal process. Will we get lots of people wanting to do this?

Max: Agree with Aiden, don't like a ton of these existing. Do think that some of these clubs existing in general make sense, but need to see more clarity in this section.

Cole: There will be more development of processes .

Max: we don't need to report about this until Jan, we have some time to iron out details. Issue we need to deal with now is that IFC isn't in line with this new rule.

Jeanie: Other thing is religious/cultural groups. Is it worth this being a separate category? Would they have any concerns?



Cole: we talked about this in the past with expanding beyond just program clubs.

Jeanie: Do the membership rules matter then though?

Cole: Probably wouldn't be any different rules, with the exception for indigenous clubs.

Aiden: Important to consider the broader implications of these things. Don't think people are necessarily being hurt by no restrictions. Worry that if we make this distinction we will get too many people shelved off. Debate is an example, we have an open part of our club, but you go through an application process to go away to debate. Worried that if we allow this people will just become 100% closed and siloed off. Don't see this as a current issue, would be worried we would open a Pandora's box trying to accommodate the fraternities.

Cole: Don't see this as accommodating the IFC (this wouldn't fix their problems). Would hope ops in the future would be skeptical. Clubs also have a financial incentive to be open (fees per students)

Aiden: Clubs make money in other ways, would be better for us to restrict membership and just run with a restricted membership.

Max: this is a good discussion, we need to get back on track though! This is due in Jan, and IFC is due much sooner.

IFC Review Process - IFC constitution

Cole: lots of problems in the constitution.

Cole: Have highlighted some concerns within the IFC bylaws:

- single gender male
- Doesn't mention AMS (barely) anywhere in its bylaws
- subsidiary states within itself
- If they die they send money to an external organization

Max: to me, seems like they shouldn't be a club. They don't exist for the purposes of being a club.

Cole: they're almost like a mini AMS?



IFC Review Process - Relevant Party Consultation Questions

Max: I'd go through all these problems with them and ask whether they'd change to be compliant with AMS code.

Jeanie: Conversation I would like to see is what they actually think they're getting for being part of the AMS? What are the benefits, are they worth these changes to the IFC?

Jeanie: Also, if they have quorum problems ops comm can rewrite the constitution.

Aiden: how long have they been a club with the AMS? Were they just grandfathered through the ages?
Lots of our clubs wouldn't be compliant with all the rules.

Cole: only been a club for ~5 years. Require clubs to fall in line with our rules as they change, and there are only certain circumstances in which we actually "grandfather" clubs past rule changes.

Max: they've been a part of the AMS for a while (long relationship). Only been a club recently.

Jeanie: Another piece worth asking is what their ideal relationship with the AMS would look like. We could potentially explore having different subsidiary groups like this (umbrella groups). What structure is best for them?

Cole: are we interested in asking how being deconstituted would impact their operations?

Max: sure.

Katherine: I seem to recall they mostly wanted bookings?

Max: Bookings is easy!

Jeanie: We could have some kind of affiliation level of membership like SLC has? A MOU or something?

Alex: what is the yellow text in the IFC constitution?

Jeanie: areas of indication of non-compliance with AMS rules. They aren't.. Club shaped.

Max: we talk about legal issues next meeting?



Cole: yeah!

Cole: I have a sheet in the meeting folder titled “IFC questions”, add things to it later tonight/this week.

Operations Committee Code Compliance

[Jeanie]: I would like to raise a few issues I have noted over our past meetings.

From Code, Section V Article 1.4:

Notice, including agendas, for all Committee meetings shall be issued by each Committee’s Chair no less than forty-eight (48) hours before a meeting. Should this fail to occur, the failure shall be noted in the minutes. Notice and agendas shall be issued to the members of the Committee and also posted on the Society’s website.

Additionally, from Code Section V Article 3.1g:

Chairs of Standing Committees shall: ...

(v) ensure that reports are made to Council on the activities of the Committee, such reporting to include an oral report at every regularly scheduled Council meeting and a written report submitted two (2) business days before the last regularly scheduled Council meeting of each month, such written report to include but not be limited to what the Committee has been working on, what its current goals are, and what motions it is recommending to Council, with the last such written report in a Chair’s term also including suggested goals for the next Chair;

Actionables:

1. We should, as committee members, get an agenda before meetings. By code, this is mandated to be 48 hours prior to the meeting. If there are meetings I cannot attend, such as the Sept 30th meeting when I was overseas, I would like to be able to still comment on the documents or items.



2. Agendas, including meeting dates/times/locations, are supposed to be posted on the website for the public to know what we are discussing, on a similar timeline.
3. When committee agendas are not available online before the meeting we should be noting that in the minutes of the meetings. I have done that for today. Presently, all of the “agendas” on the AMS website for this committee are actually minutes.
4. Despite historical precedent, we should probably be sending in monthly reports by code.

Jeanie: main goal: I want agendas before meetings. Having an idea of the direction the meetings are going is important and useful. Since I can't always be physically present, I like to go through agenda and documents and provide feedback and thoughts. Seems like we need to update the website as well (may be a webmaster issue). Finally, we should be sending in monthly reports. Don't think that's just an ops problem, but it is still a problem. Also I've learned we can ask the VP Academic for budget so we should get snacks. Just wanted these thoughts and actionables in the minutes. Don't think all of these are ops specific issues, but if we want to be an efficient committee like we need to be we need to be doing.

Max: also think that we need to be following roberts rules of order.

Katherine: was hard this week because people are on the phone.

Cole: if people want things to be more formalized we could try that.

Everybody: yes.

Katherine: also a fact for the room, bylaws say clubs need to be 2/3rds active members

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm