

SUBJECT	Change to AMS Code Section 9, A, Article 9, (l) and (m)
MEETING DATE	Sept 11, 2020
MOTION	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Council change clauses (l) and (m) of AMS Code Section 9, A, Article 9, to this proposed wording.
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DOCUMENTS	1. Code Changes 2020 Constituency election eligibility

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE Clauses (l) and (m) of Article 9, which governs Constituency elections, are meant to prevent discrimination of any kind for both voters and nominees. However, most Constituencies have elected positions that represent specific groups based on year standing (ie. First Year Representative) or program. AMS Elections officials have never considered these positions, for which both candidates and voters are restricted based on affiliation with that year or program, to be in contravention of Code. It has been understood that these positions follow the spirit, if not the exact letter of the law. Therefore, to bring the wording of the clauses into line with longstanding AMS Elections official interpretation, they should specify that these rules apply within the bounds of representation.

BENEFITS Bringing official AMS Code into line with longstanding Constituency rules and practices.
 Reputational,
 Financial,
 Sustainable, Social

RISKS None foreseen.
 Financial,
 Operational,
 Reputational

COSTS
Financial,
Resources, Lifecycle

None foreseen.

TIMELINE
Implementation
Timeline

Ideal implementation beginning in early September.

CONSULTATION
Internal & External
Groups

AMS Elections Committee, AMS Archivist Sheldon Goldfarb, AMS Governance Committee, AMS Constituencies (SUS, LFSUS, LSS, ESA, AUS, CUS, VSEUS, KUS, FUS, PhUS, EUS, LASSA, MUSA, NUS, MUS, PSA).