



Agenda of the AMS Governance Committee

(Agenda for November 17, 2022 at 5pm | On Zoom)

Attendance

Present: Audrey Chow (Chair), Alina Bhimji (Vice Chair), Kaysan Adriyanto, Cindy Wang, Eshana Bhangu (President)

Regrets: Cynara Onyemordi, Ayesha Irfan, Sheldon Goldfarb (Archivist and Clerk of Council)

Guests:

Recording Secretary: Alina Bhimji

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

Territorial Acknowledgement

Audrey presented a land acknowledgement.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Kaysan Seconded: Cindy

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Kaysan Seconded: Cindy

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governance Committee meeting minutes of October 27, 2022 are approved as presented."

Unanimous Consent

2. Referendum Campaigning Code Change

Audrey: New code change. Basically restricts anyone who is not an AMS member from participating in Yes/No votes and referendums. So the campaigns are only run and influenced by AMS members, since they only affect AMS members.

Kaysan: I think it looks good.

Audrey: Sheldon left a comment on the side. I don't think it's too strict but what do you guys think?

Kaysan:

Audrey: If this is good then we can go ahead and approve it.
Sheldon also sent me an email: He wants to know if we should include a penalty if someone does get help from a non-AMS member. We could leave it up to the elections com, because that's what they do in general elections.

Kaysan: I think keeping up with that is okay since it's within their jurisdiction. But I'm open to both.

Audrey: So we can send this to Council.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Governance Committee accepts the report entitled Code Changes 2022: Referendum Campaigning and recommends that Council amend code"

Moved: Kaysan Seconded: Cindy
Unanimous consent.

3. Money Motions

Audrey: We had a couple questions.

Fin Com and Ops com, but not Stu life giving updates – its because Stu Life goes through Fin Com anyways so it would be in the Fin Com update.

The other thing is that Ben did give feedback on this after we approved it. We could outline when the reports are given – after the motion is approved, or every month. I thought it would be simple to have it done the way I submit code changes, like submitting it to the Clerk right after it is approved.

[everyone: looks good]

Audrey: I'll just email Sheldon about that.

4. Elections Appeal Committee Structure

Audrey: We talked about when the com is going to be appointed, but its not in code. We could do it when standing coms are appointed, but with all the restrictions we have on people it might be difficult - we won't know who's running in the general election, but that's the reason we have the alternates. I think with standing coms, we will have more time for training.

I know its super restrictive, which helps with our conflict of interest rules, but picking people might be difficult

Kaysan: I feel like it would be good to do with standing coms in terms of the training too.

Audrey: So just when the rest of the standing coms is appointed?

[yes]

Audrey: So I don't think we need to put this in code, but what would we do if the two members have COI and the two alternates also have COI?

Kaysan: I think they should be removed immediately probably.

Audrey: Yea, I think that sounds fine. It's hard to say when we haven't done this before.

So we'll add that they will be appointed with the rest of the standing coms. And last time we talked about the COIs for direct connections to candidates.

Kaysan: I don't have a strong opinion but maybe it could be referred to GovComm on a case-by-case basis since we haven't seen the system in practice yet.

Audrey: The only issue with that is that the appeal turnaround is really quick so it would be difficult to deal with it on a case-by-case basis.

I think we should err on the side of caution and make COI include everyone. So if you have a friend who is running, but isn't the one putting the appeal forward, we should still restrict them.

Another one is that maybe you don't have a connection with the person making the appeal, but you have a connection to their opposing candidate, you would also have a COI.

Does anyone have anything to add?

[no]

5. Elections Debrief

Audrey: Any follow ups?

I know a lot of it would just be recommendations to elections com, rather than putting in code. So if you want to add anything let me know.

Kaysan: Just to clarify, you wanted to codify EA training?

From my understanding some EAs didn't follow that procedure in the past so i'm not sure if it would be a good idea

Audrey: We did talk about having someone to train and someone else to manage them. And I understand your concern of them not listening, but technically anyone can not listen to anything in code.

I know we suggested Sheldon to do the training, but I'm not sure about the manager.

Kaysan: I think a report to Council would be good.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is December 1, 2022 @ 5:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.