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Internal Policy

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This policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

Responsible Body:
Governance Committee

Designated Executives and Staff Members:
Privacy Officer, President

Authority:
AMS Code of Procedure Section II, Article 11(1)

“Council may create external and internal policies as well as combined policies.”

Purpose and Goals:
This policy is designed to:

- 1) Provide policies and procedures to comply with the Personal Information Protection Act of British Columbia (PIPA).

Applicability:
This Policy applies to the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information by the AMS and its Constituencies, clubs, committees, departments, services, groups, offices, programs, and businesses. Some of those bodies may have supplementary privacy policies relating to their specific activities.

It also applies to access to personal information under the control of the AMS and its Constituencies, clubs, committees, departments, services, groups, offices, programs, and businesses.

Exclusions:

This Policy does not impose any limits on the collection, use, or disclosure of the following information:

- business contact information;
- certain publicly available information; and
- such other information as PIPA allows us to collect, use, and disclose without notice or consent.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy:

Subsidiaries

shall mean the Constituencies, clubs, committees, departments, services, groups, offices, programs, and businesses of the AMS

Policy:***Accountability and General Provisions***

- 1) The AMS is committed to complying with PIPA.
- 2) We have appointed a Privacy Officer who is responsible for our compliance with this Policy and with PIPA, and who can be contacted as indicated at the end of this Policy.
- 3) In accordance with PIPA, we will inform our employees, volunteers, members, club members, suppliers, and customers of why and how we collect, use, and disclose their personal information, obtain their consent where required, and handle the personal information in a manner that a reasonable person would consider appropriate in the circumstances.
- 4) We will make our best efforts to ensure the accuracy, confidentiality, and security of the personal information we receive from our employees, volunteers, members, club members, suppliers, and customers, and will allow them to request access to, and correction of, their personal information.
- 5) We will communicate the purposes for which personal information is being collected, either orally or in writing, before or at the time of collection, and will only use or disclose personal information where necessary to fulfill the purposes identified at the time of collection.

Types of Information Collected

- 6) We may collect, use, and disclose various types of personal information, but only for the purposes stated at the time of collection, such purposes to be reasonable ones relating to the operations, programs, and services of the AMS and its Subsidiaries. The types include:
 - a. Contact information (personal email addresses, personal phone numbers, residential addresses).
 - b. Identifying information (student numbers, CWL's, social insurance numbers, information about age and marital status, and information about a student's year, faculty, or program).
 - c. The names of AMS clubs or other Subsidiaries that you belong to or participate in.
 - d. The AMS petitions or surveys you take part in.
 - e. Employment-related information (resumés, job applications, payroll information, health records).
 - f. Purchase-related information for purchases made at AMS outlets (e.g., credit card numbers).
 - g. Information provided to AMS services such as the Sexual Assault Support Centre, the AMS Ombudsperson's Office, the Advocacy Office, Food Bank, Tutoring, and Peer Support.
 - h. Demographic information.
 - i. Information obtained via cookies on our websites.

Purposes for Collecting, Using, and Disclosing Information

- 7) The purposes for which we may collect, use, and disclose personal information include:
 - a. to provide and administer the services, resources, programs, events, and products of the AMS and its Subsidiaries, and to disclose the information for any purpose related to those activities;
 - b. to plan and deliver the programs, products, and services of the AMS and its Subsidiaries, and to evaluate and monitor those programs, products, and services;

- c. to implement and enforce the bylaws, policies, procedures, agreements, and decisions of the AMS and its Subsidiaries, and to regulatory requirements; comply with legal and
- d. to monitor compliance with the bylaws and policies of the AMS and its Subsidiaries and with any agreements entered into by the AMS and its Subsidiaries;
- e. to authenticate the identity of students, members, club members, employees, etc.;
- f. to maintain accurate member and club member records;
- g. to provide information to anyone working with or for the AMS or its Subsidiaries as needed for the provision of requested programs, products, or services;
- h. to process payments by credit card and to make credit checks;
- i. to bill accounts and maintain payment records;
- j. to collect debts owed to the AMS or its Subsidiaries;
- k. to provide and administer the websites and social media outlets of the AMS and its Subsidiaries;
- l. to communicate with users of the programs, services, products, websites, or social media outlets of the AMS and its Subsidiaries and to respond to inquiries from those users;
- m. to communicate with the members of the AMS and its Subsidiaries by newsletters and other means;
- n. to conduct elections to the governing bodies of the AMS and its Constituencies, clubs, and other Subsidiaries that function by election;
- o. to conduct petition campaigns and surveys;
- p. to administer club activities and provide and administer club services;
- q. to provide personal information to third-party suppliers of products and services;
- r. to protect against fraud and error and to safeguard the business interests of the AMS and its Subsidiaries;
- s. to document and address any service issues or complaints;
- t. to assist in law enforcement;

- u. to process contests, sweepstakes, or other promotions and fulfill any related awards or discounts;
 - v. to distribute to third parties, including financial institutions, payment processors, lawyers and financial institutions, for any of the above purposes; and
 - w. in aggregate form, to provide the basis for advocacy campaigns.
- 8) The AMS and its Subsidiaries will not collect personal information indiscriminately, but will limit collection of personal information to what is reasonable and necessary or as authorized by law.

Consent

- 9) We will obtain consent to collect, use, or disclose personal information except where authorized or permitted to collect information without consent, such as where collection is required by law, or when obtaining consent would compromise an investigation.
- 10) Consent can be express, implied, or given through an authorized representative such as a lawyer or agent.
- 11) Consent may be provided orally, in writing, electronically, or through inaction (such as when an individual fails to provide notification that they do not wish their personal information collected, used, or disclosed for various purposes after receiving notice of those purposes).
- 12) An individual may withdraw consent at any time, subject to legal, contractual, and other restrictions, provided that they give reasonable notice of their withdrawal of consent. If consent is withdrawn, the AMS or its Subsidiaries will inform the person withdrawing their consent of the likely consequences of that withdrawal, which may include inability to provide certain services for which it is necessary to collect, use, or disclose the information the individual had previously consented to be collected, used, or disclosed.

Limits on Use and Disclosure:

- 13) When collecting personal information, the AMS and its Subsidiaries will make clear what purpose the information will be used for, and will not use it for any other purpose unless first obtaining consent to use it for that other purpose.

- 14) When making a decision based on personal information, the AMS and its Subsidiaries will retain that information for at least one year after using it to make the decision so that the individual affected by the decision can consult that information.
- 15) The AMS and its Subsidiaries will destroy, erase, or make anonymous documents or other records containing personal information as soon as it is reasonable to assume that the original purpose is no longer being served by retaining the information and retention is no longer necessary for a legal or business purpose.
- 16) The AMS and its Subsidiaries will take due care when destroying personal information so as to prevent unauthorized access to the information.

Service Providers:

- 17) The AMS and its Subsidiaries may retain agents, subcontractors, or service providers from time to time in relation to our operations or the programs, products or services that we provide. If we require a service provider to deal with your personal information, we will take reasonable steps to ensure that the service provider adheres to privacy procedures and will keep your personal information confidential. We will not provide more information than is necessary to the service provider and will ensure that the information is returned or destroyed once the purpose for which it was given is filled.
- 18) Our service providers may be located outside of British Columbia or Canada, and personal information may be processed and stored in foreign jurisdictions with different (and perhaps weaker) privacy laws, and the governments, courts or law enforcement or regulatory agencies in those jurisdictions may be able to obtain disclosure of that personal information through the laws of the foreign jurisdiction.

Accuracy:

- 19) We will make a reasonable effort to ensure that personal information we are using or disclosing is accurate and complete.
- 20) If you demonstrate the inaccuracy or incompleteness of personal information, we will amend the information as required. If appropriate,

we will send the amended information to third parties to whom the information has been disclosed.

- 21) When a challenge regarding the accuracy of personal information is not resolved to your satisfaction, we will annotate the personal information under our control with a note that the correction was requested but not made.

Safeguarding Personal Information:

- 22) We protect the personal information in our custody or control by making reasonable physical, organizational and electronic security arrangements to prevent unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure, copying, modification, disposal or similar risks.
- 23) We will take reasonable measures, through contractual or other reasonable means, to ensure that a comparable level of protection is implemented by the suppliers and agents who assist in providing services.
- 24) Note that confidentiality and security are not assured when information is transmitted through e-mail or other wireless communication or through non-AMS file-sharing services such as Google Drive and Dropbox. Staff shall not use such means for storing or sharing personal information. Instead, they should store personal information on AMS storage sites, on AMS local servers, or on AMS pre-approved vendors' sites.

Providing Access:

- 25) You have a right to access your personal information held by us.
- 26) Upon your written request and our authentication of your identity, we will provide you your personal information under our control. We will also give you information about the ways in which that information is being used and a description of the individuals and organizations to whom that information has been disclosed. We may charge you a reasonable fee for doing so.
- 27) We will generally make the information available within 30 days of receiving a written request or we will provide written notice where additional time is required to fulfil the request.

- 28) In some situations, we may not be able to provide access to certain personal information (e.g., if disclosure would reveal personal information about another individual, the personal information is protected by solicitor/client privilege, the information was collected for the purposes of an investigation or where disclosure of the information would reveal confidential commercial information that could harm our position). We may also be prevented by law from providing access to certain personal information.
- 29) If we refuse an access request, we will notify you in writing and document the reasons for refusal.

Complaints:

- 30) We will, on request, provide information regarding our complaint procedure.
- 31) Any inquiries, complaints or questions regarding this Policy should be directed in writing to our Privacy Officer, Sheldon Goldfarb, at archives@ams.ubc.ca

History:

This is an update of the 2019 policy. That policy replaced the old AMS Personal Information Protection Policy, which was created in 2004 and reviewed in 2007 and 2011.

Related Policies and Legislation:

The BC Personal Information Protection Act
(http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/00_03063_01).

Appendix 1: Consultations

The following groups and individuals were consulted during the development of the 2019 version of this policy:

The AMS lawyers, the AMS Privacy Officer, the AMS Managing Director, the AMS Senior Manager of Student Services, the AMS Ombudsperson, the Governance Committee, the VP Administration (2018-19).