

Mathematics Society General Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2013

The general meeting of the Mathematics Society of the University of Waterloo was called to order at 4:23. The President was in the chair and the Secretary was present.

The general meeting heard reports from the President; the Vice-President, Finance; the Vice-President, Operations; the Vice-President, Events; and the Vice-President, Academic.

The general meeting heard a report from the full-time office manager committee. Dmitry Blotsky moved that the Mathematics Society hire a part-time student staff to work in the office. The motion was debated.

Jessei McGinnis moved to task the executive with developing a part-time student staff position in the office, to be implemented by the Fall term. The motion was debated.

Sacha Forstner moved to refer this back to the committee with instructions to report on potential job descriptions and full justification, a proper written report that the Fall General Meeting can review.

The motion to refer was adopted after debate with a vote of 35-16.

Sacha Forstner moved a motion for the adoption of a series of resolutions, which were, after debate and amendment, defeated 31-16 in the following form:

WHEREAS there are particular minimum requirements of any Math Society Executive position;

WHEREAS fulfilling these requirements can demand an average of approximately 300 hours per Executive per term, often requiring the sacrifice of time for personal and academic affairs;

WHEREAS failure by an Executive to fulfil their position requirements can have a severe impact on the Societys ability to function effectively;

WHEREAS the Executives alone must take responsibility for any failure of the Society;

WHEREAS providing approximately \$1 per expected hour of work, once all duties have been completed, is a suitable model for non-salaried financial compensation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society Executives should receive compensation for their efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section VI of the Society Bylaws be updated to include the following:

VI.4 Remuneration of Executives

As a form of compensation, each Executive will receive an honourarium of \$300 for serving in a given academic term, provided that they have been in the role for the majority of the term, and are still in their role on the last day of the term. This honourarium will be awarded through a single payment, to be made in the first month of the subsequent academic term. In the event that an Executive fails to effectively perform his or her duties, or if the society is not in the financial position to afford the expense, they may be stripped of their honourarium by a General Meeting of the Society by a secret ballot vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Bylaw Amendment take effect beginning next term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an honorarium committee of four at large members, selected in the previous GM, and one representative from the Dean's Office who shall be a

non-voting resource member, tasked with observing the exec and bringing shortcomings to the attention of the GM in the form of a written report to aide them in their decision in keeping the honourarium.

Jesse McGinnis raised a point of order that it was not clear that this was a 2/3rds vote rather than a majority. The Speaker submitted the point of order to the judgment of the meeting, and the meeting ruled the point of order not well taken.

Elizabeth moved to approve the C&D Memorandum of Understanding. The motion passed.

Sean Hunt moved the adoption of a series of resolutions which were, after debate and amendment, adopted in the following form:

Resolved, that a committee is formed to consider renovations of the Comfy Lounge;

Resolved, that the committee shall consist of Tappy He as chair; the Vice-President, Operations; Lauren Hurley; Kumar Patel; Ifaz Kabir; Joiye Zhang; and one representative of the Space Committee appointed by that Committee;

Resolved, that the committee shall coordinate with the Space Committee as to the intended use of the Comfy space;

Resolved, that the committee shall have the power to approve renovation plans for the Comfy, subject to financial approval from Council.

Sean Hunt moved to amend the bylaws by deleting each instance of “Option” in “Teaching Option, consisting of all math students in the Mathematics/Teaching Option or Pure Mathematics/Teaching Option programs;”. The motion was adopted after debate.

Sean Hunt moved to amend the bylaws by replacing “A Councillor is elected for and serves for one term at a time, unless he resigns or is removed from office. Except for First-Year and Software Engineering seats, General elections shall be held in each Fall term for each of the three terms in the subsequent year. First-Year Representatives shall instead be elected twice per year - once at the start of the Fall term for that term, and once as a component of the general election, for the subsequent Winter term.” with “A Councillor, except for a First-Year Rep, is elected for and serves for one term at a time, unless he resigns or is removed from office. Except for First-Year and Software Engineering seats, general elections shall be held in each Fall term for each of the three terms in the subsequent year.” and by adding as another paragraph to the same section “First-Year Representatives shall be elected each October and shall serve from the time of their election to the end of the subsequent Winter term. No First-Year Representative shall lose their seat due to the redistribution of seats.” The motion was adopted after debate.

Sean Hunt made a motion which, after debate and amendment, was adopted 21-7 as a motion to replace ”math student” with “math student, with no other full-time non-academic commitments,” in the requirements for Executives.

The motion passes 21-7.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.