

Mathematics Society General Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:56 pm.

Josh Tsai moved to have Elizabeth McFaul to be speaker. She accepted, and it was approved.

The general meeting heard reports from the President, VPA, VPE (with Ty Rozak as proxy for Nancy Yang), VPO, and VPF.

Harrison moved to add "*Discussion of the addition of a bylaw giving more transparency to the budget to the end of the meeting*". It was approved.

The general meeting heard a report about a fee decrease from the VPF.

The general meeting heard a report from the Space Committee, the Comfy Reno Committee and the Executive Structure Committee.

Sean Hunt moved to extend the mandate of the Exec Structure Committee to the Spring 2014 term. It was approved.

The motion was made, from the last General Meeting:

"To amend the Society bylaws to include Section VI.4, Remuneration of Executives (detailed below), and to approve the creation of the Executive Evaluation Committee, with the terms of reference listed below, effective as of the Winter 2014 academic term.

Bylaw Amendment:

VI.4 Remuneration of Executives

As a form of compensation, each Executive will receive an honorarium of \$300 for serving in a given academic term, provided that they have been in the role for the majority of the term, are still in their role on the last day of the term. This honorarium 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, a resolution by a General Meeting of the Society may strip them of their honorarium, provided that the meeting occurs before the payment is awarded.

Executive Evaluation Committee

I. COMPOSITION AND SELECTION OF MEMBERS

The membership of the committee shall be:

- *Three (3) full members of the Society, one (1) of whom shall chair the committee;*
- *One (1) past Executive of the Society;*
- *Two (2) currently sitting members of MathSoc Council.*

All members shall serve on the committee from the first day of an academic term, until the last day of that term.

All members, save for the members of Council, shall be elected to the committee by the regular General Meeting of the Society, prior to the start of the academic term in question. The members of Council shall be appointed to the committee by MathSoc Council in its first meeting of the term.

In the event of a vacancy in the committee membership, including the failure of a General Meeting to

elect a full set of members, Council may appoint individuals to fill any vacancies.

No current Executive may sit on the committee.

II. MEETINGS

All meetings of the committee shall be considered confidential, unless deemed otherwise by the committee membership. No non-members of the committee may attend meetings, unless explicitly invited by the committee to do so.

Quorum for the meetings shall be two thirds (2/3) of the committee members.

III. POWERS AND DUTIES

The committee shall:

- 1. Construct a set of objective metrics for use in evaluating Executive performance;*
- 2. Evaluate the current Executive against these metrics;*
- 3. Report the overall findings of these evaluations to the regular General Meeting for the term;
and*
- 4. Submit a confidential report to each Executive, detailing feedback and recommendations for improvement."*

Sacha Forstner moved to amend the motion to read:

*"To amend the Society bylaws to include Section VI.4, Remuneration of Executives (detailed below), and to approve the creation of the Executive Evaluation Committee, with the terms of reference listed below, effective as of the **Spring** 2014 academic term."*

The amendment was adopted.

Ty Rozak, etc. announced conflict of interest, due to them being next term's execs.

Sean Hunt moved to amend the motion to read:

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- **One representative from the Dean's Office as a non-voting member***

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*All members, save for the members of Council **and the representative of the dean**, shall be elected to the committee by the regular General Meeting of the Society, prior to the start of the academic term in question.*

*The members of Council shall be appointed to the committee by MathSoc Council in its first meeting of the term. **The representative of the Dean's Office shall be chosen by the Dean.**"*

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

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*in the first month of the subsequent academic term. **This does not preclude other non-monetary compensation.***

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

James Rowan moved to amend the motion to read:

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and
- 4. **Provide a confidential report to each Executive at an in-person meeting with the chair of the committee, detailing feedback and recommendations for improvement.***

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

Richard Mack moved to split the question between:

“To approve the creation of the Executive Evaluation Committee, with the terms of reference listed below, effective as of the Spring 2014 academic term.

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And:

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In the event that an Executive fails to effectively perform his or her duties, a resolution by a General Meeting of the Society may strip them of their honorarium, provided that the meeting occurs before the payment is awarded. “

Sacha Forstner moved to call the question on the topic of Executive Evaluation Committee. It was rejected after a vote of 14-7, by the Speaker’s decision.

The motion to create the Committee was approved.

Sean moved to lay the filling in positions on the table. It was approved.

Sacha moved to call the question. It was rejected after a vote of 16-9.

Jeremy Roman moved to amend the motion to read:

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*In the event that an Executive fails to effectively perform his or her duties, a resolution by a General Meeting of the Society may strip them of their honorarium **with a two-thirds vote**, provided that the meeting occurs before the payment is awarded. “*

It was approved.

The motion was approved 16-7-5 (abstentions).

Ty moved to go in to confidential session at 6:56pm. It was approved.

The meeting moved out of confidential session at 7:10pm.

The vote count of the motion made in confidential session was 29 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention. So, the motion was approved.

Sean Hunt was officially made an Honorary Lifetime Membership to the Mathematics Society.

Josh Tsai moved:

“To amend the Society bylaws, Section VI with the following changes:

In VI.2.1, to add

“• Oversee the Math C&D and the C&D Manager” after “The President is the chief executive of the Society, and shall:”.

In VI.2.3, to strike “businesses and” after “Oversee and manage the”.

In VI.2.3, to add

“• Oversee and manage the Society Office;” after “services operated by the Society;” “

It was approved.

Josh Tsai moved:

“To amend the Society bylaws, Section V with the following changes:

In V.1, add “The President of a club under the aegis of Mathsoc” as the last bullet point in the list of non-voting members of council”

Ty Rozak moved:

“To amend the Society bylaws, Section V with the following changes:

In V.1, add “Any off-term MathSoc exec” as the last bullet point in the list of non-voting members of council”

Sean Hunt made a point of order, saying it was not in the spirit of the first motion.

Ty Rozak rescinded the motion.

The previous motion was approved.

Ty Rozak moved to

“Remove Joiye Zhang from the Comfy Renovation Committee.”

Ty Rozak amended to motion to read:

*“Remove Joiye Zhang **and Prashant Kumar Patel** from the Comfy Renovation Committee.”*

Sacha Forstner moved to take off the Exec Evaluation Committee selection off the table.

Sean Hunt nominated Elizabeth McFaul to past exec seat.

Aayush Rajasekaran nominated himself for the at-large seat

Stephane Hamade nominated Sean Hunt to past exec, he declined

Julie Sturgeon nominated herself as an at-large member

Ramesh Sud nominated himself as an at-large member

Julie Sturgeon nominated herself as chair

The nominated individuals were acclaimed to the positions.

The motion was approved.

Ty Rozak moved to:

“Allow council to add or remove members from the Comfy Renovation Committee as they see fit”

Richard Mack amended the motion to read:

*“Allow council to add or remove members from the Comfy Renovation Committee as they see fit. **Council must report to the General Meeting if it has exercised this right.**”*

The amendment failed.

Stephane Hamade motioned to amend the motion to read:

“Make the Comfy Renovation Committee to be a committee of council”

It was rejected on the grounds of not being in the spirit of the first motion.

The original motion was approved.

Ty Rozak moved to:

“Make the Comfy Renovation Committee to be a committee of council”

It was approved.

It was notified that it is impossible to amend Bylaws without prior notice, so the motion was overturned.

The General Meeting heard a report from the Office.

There was discussion of the addition of a bylaw giving more transparency to the budget to the end of the meeting

Ty Rozak moved to adjourn at 7:47pm. It was approved.