

Council

June 20th, 2021

Location: Google Meet, **Time:** 11:00 AM EDT - Call in [Here](#) (Code: ins-txie-voq)

Speaker	Yuqian Wang
Secretary	Angel Liu
<i>Attendees</i> <i>(Voting)</i>	Executive Team: Harleen Bhandal (Prez), Mary Sybersma (VPA), Arnav Gupta (VPO), Abhiraj Lamba (VPI), Sandra Huang (VPF) Business Representatives: Andrew Zang, Bella Xie, Lucy Shen, Julia Wang Computing and Financial Management Representatives: Computer Science Representatives: Karl Zhu, Kevin Trieu, Shian Fan Mathematical Studies and other Representatives: Maya Gusak Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Vincent Macri, Josue Kurke Software Engineering Representative: Teaching Representative: Natalia Manturowicz
<i>(Non-Voting)</i>	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Colleen Ritcher (Dean's Designate); mathNEWS, Evelyn Gu (MEF Executive Director); Angela Wang-Lin (Chair)
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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 11:00 AM EDT.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker assumes the agenda.

1.3 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Mathematics Society of University of Waterloo acknowledges:

“The University of Waterloo is on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.”

1.4 Oral Conflict of Interest Declaration

The Speaker poses the following question:

“In relation to any of the items of business on the agenda for this meeting, does any Councilor have an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest?”

2 Approval of the Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approve the Minutes of the April 11th, 2021 Meeting of Council, as [presented](#);

Be it further resolved that Council approve May 30th, 2021 Budget Meeting of Council, as [presented](#).

3 Reports

Motions arising directly out of a report, including to adopt recommendations in the report, may be considered immediately after the report without having to wait until later in the meeting. No action is required to receive a report. If Council decides to adopt or accept a report, then it is endorsing the entire report and not just the recommendations.

Executive Reports:

5 minutes per report (2 min presentation, 3 minutes questions)

[VPA](#), [VPI](#), [VPO](#), [VPE](#), [President](#)

Officer & Staff Reports

[Chair](#)

Representative Reports:

CS/Comp Math, PMath/AMath/CO, Actsci/Math Finance, MathBus, CFM, Statistics, Math Teaching, Math Studies & Other

4 Unfinished Business

4.1 Appointment of Deputy Speaker – VP Sybersma

Be it resolved that _____ **is appointed as the Deputy Speaker of MathSoc Council for the Spring 2021 term.**

5 Consent Agenda

Items having shown no opposition and being not controversial may be added to the consent agenda. If any councilor wishes to discuss an item on the consent agenda it is immediately moved to the general orders. The consent agenda is approved en masse.

5.1 [A-Decision] Spring 2021 Bi-Election Ratification - *Councilor Macri, Councilor Kurke*

Whereas MathSoc has held by-elections for the Spring 2021 term; and

Whereas the by-election results are [attached](#); then

Whereas Council was asked to ratification for the results of the by-election which are:

- the acclamation of Jack Emo to the position of Computing and Financial Representative
- the acclamation of Caroline Chen to the position of At-large Representative
- the acclamation of Cody Brayden Halden to the position of At-large Representative

Whereas Council approved the ratification during the A-Vote of June 11th, 2021.

Be it resolved that Council ratifies the A-Decision; and

Be it further resolved that the VPO shall update <https://mathsoc.uwaterloo.ca/council/> accordingly.

6 General Orders

A general order is an item of business that is ordered to be taken up at a meeting. Time limits to discussions indicate the point at which the Speaker will end the discussion unless Council directs otherwise.

6.1 Spring 2021 Executive Evaluation Committee Appointments

Whereas the Society has an Executive Evaluation Committee formed for the Spring 2021 term;

Whereas Board Procedure requires the committee to have 3 full members of the Society, 1 of whom shall chair the committee, 1 past Executive of the Society, 2 currently sitting members of MathSoc Council, and 1 representative from the Dean's Office as a non-voting member (Colleen Richter);

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ and _____ as voting members for the Spring 2021 Executive Evaluation Committee.

6.2 Fall 2021 Executive Appointment Committee Councilor Seat

Whereas the Executive Appointment Committee is responsible for the appointment of VP Internals, VP Finance, and VP Operations;

Whereas Procedure 9.1 - Composition and Selection of Members specifies that

The membership of each committee will consist of:

- The Chair of the Board
- One (1) councilor
- One (1) director

Whereas The committees' members shall be chosen the term before the term of the executive in question.

The committee shall convene no later than the 2nd month of the term and the applications shall be open to the public no later than the 3rd month of the term. No candidate may sit on the committees.

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ as the voting council-member for the Fall 2021 VP Internals Appointment Committee;

Be it further resolved that Council appoints _____ as the voting council-member for the Fall 2021 VP Finances Appointment Committee;

Be it further resolved that Council appoints _____ as the voting council-member for the Fall 2021 VP Operations Appointment Committee.

6.3 Election procedure update - *Councilor Macri*

30 minutes max for discussion.

Whereas the election procedure has many issues; and

Whereas the Elections Committee is empowered to recommend updates to the election procedure to Council; and

Whereas last term Council asked the Elections Committee to use said power; then

Be it resolved that Council approves the new election procedure, [as presented](https://github.com/MathSoc/mathSocDocuments/pull/7) (<https://github.com/MathSoc/mathSocDocuments/pull/7>).

6.4 Membership Fee Committee - *VPF Huang*

Whereas MathSoc has seen an increase in problems regarding giving out prizes to students that have not paid the MathSoc fee and should not be eligible to receive prizes; and

Whereas MathSoc has seen increasing opt-out rates and would like to retain membership;

Be it resolved that Council appoints _____ to be part of the Membership Fee Committee

7 New Business

Any Councillor may raise any item of concern during new business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before Council should be avoided, and are technically against the rules of procedure. If a Councillor has any questions about the procedure, form, or content, they should ask the Speaker.

7.1 Lack of representation for Spring term first year students [Discussion]

Whereas MathSoc's current bylaws provide for no Council representatives who look out for first-year students in the Spring term;

Whereas at-large representatives should not be representing first-years per the current wording in the bylaws;

Whereas this primarily impacts students who start their studies in a Winter term;

BIRT Council discusses the lack of representation for Spring term first-year students.

7.2 President Scholarship - Abhiraj, Josue

Whereas Board approved the payment amounts for Yuqian Wang, Matthew Nicholas Schwarze and Jeffrey Tse, as per the schedule attached, in the May 22nd Board meeting;

Whereas Board tasked Chair Wang-Lin to verify eligible terms for the President's Scholarship, which yielded the November 24, 2019 Special Board meeting in which the President's Scholarship motion passed;

BIRT the MathSoc Presidents for the Winter 2020 to Winter 2021 terms, inclusive, be eligible for the President's Scholarship;

BIFRT Board requests Council to approve the amount of \$18,000.00, which includes a 1.08 factor for employer EI and CPP contributions.

Schedule link: [Schedule - Pres. Scholarship W20 - W21](#)

8 Announcements

9 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 1:30 PM EST.

Relevant Documents

Please refer to the pre-meeting email for any hard copies or hyperlinks above.