General Meeting

Location: M3 1006 or Call in Google Meet
March 18, 2024 · 6:00 PM ET
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Live agenda: LIVE W24-03-18 General Meeting Agenda
Slides: Winter 2024 General Meeting Slideshow

Speaker	Logan Batson (President)
Secretary	Abby Zhao
Voting Attendees	Cooper Stone, Grace Lee, Fahmi Omer, Trinity Yip, Nazar Viznytsya, Aayush Patel, Marcus Luong, Luka Radulovic, Zev Friedman, Terry Kuang, Kevin Yuan, Hannah Vahid, Callum Brown, William Wang, Logan Batson, Daniel Matlin, Alex Dubljevic, Rasana Yogarajan, Abby Zhao, River Stanley, Sarah Wilson, Kevin Nguyen-Chan, Avish Kathpal, Awab Qureshi, Remington Zhi, Tian Chen, E-Therg Lee, Samantha Pater, Asia Mitchell, Daniel Wang, Vincent Chen, Priyanshu Ghosh, Vanessa Wong, Emily Zhang, Eston Li, Binder Nie, Raymond Wang, Gary Sun, Jodhbir Singh, Danny Liu, Sarah Wang, Jonathan Guest, Lucas Tate, Marcus Chan, Grace Feng, Rosie DeFazio, Shruti Yandikota, Alyssa Lam Choo, Layne Lim Ah Tock, Evan Girardin, Gordon Lin, Catherine Dong, Matthew Schwarze
Non-Voting Attendees	Gabrielle Smith (CEE) Justin Kieffer (CEE) Lori Case (Associate Dean, Co-operative Education – Faculty of Mathematics) Rose Penner (Business Manager)
Absent Councillors	Expected absences: Cristian Moretto Unexpected absences: Aryan Patel, Pranav Bedi

1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to Order

Note that the quorum for a general meeting is 25 voting members.

The President calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM ET.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The President assumes the agenda.

1.3 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Mathematics Society of the 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

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

1.5 Reference of Relevant Rules

MathSoc follows a modified version of Robert's Rules to help keep our meetings orderly. They prevent us from talking over each other. Please wait to be acknowledged before speaking. For each speaking turn, focus on a single point. Everyone has the right to speak. For a motion to be discussed it needs a "mover" and a "seconder".

If you wish to:

- Make a new point ⟶ 1
- Reply as part of the ongoing conversation ⟶ 2
- Ask information about the speaking order, or relevant bylaws, or procedures ⟶ POI (Point of Inquiry)
- When you see someone else not following my own the speaking order ⟶ POO (Point of Order)
- If you couldn't hear or need to take a break, etc. ⟶ POP (Point of Personal Privilege)

For motions presented to the assembly which aren't controversial, we use a method of voting where you only need to explicitly vote if you wish to vote against a motion or abstain from voting. You can also ask to have your vote noted in the minutes. We can also use roll-call voting or ballot box voting if ⅔ of the assembly agrees to it.

2 Consent Agenda — *VP Kuang, VP Yuan*

If anyone objects to an item on the consent agenda, they can ask for it to be moved to the general orders.

2.1 Approval of Fall 2023 Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Fall 2023 General Meeting are approved as given: F23-11-21 General Meeting Minutes

Motion passes unanimously

3 Reports

Note that reports will be added to the agenda by Monday, March 11, 2024.

3.1 Cooperative and Experiential Education Winter 2024 Updates

Justin Kieffer and Gabrielle Smith from CEE presents

- Chair Stone: could you go back to the picture of Waterloo works board. Will it be a similar layout with these two parts for the new UI.
  - Yes it will apply when the board is opened
- Director A. Qureshi: the new board doesn't use the ranking system ight?
  - No they do not

3.2 President’s Report

W24 President GM Report

- *President Batson presents the above report*
- “M4 might be starting this year” – President Batson
- No questions asked

3.3 Vice-President, Academic’s Report

W24 VPA GM Report

- *VP Friedman presents the above report*
- No questions asked
- *Director Stone took attendance for some councillors*

3.4 Vice-President, Communications’ Report

Link

- *VP Luong presents the above report*
- No questions asked

3.5 Vice-President, Finance's Report

W24 VPF GM Report

- *VP Kuang presents the above report*
- River: in the slide with slide budgets, one was $7000, why?
    - VP Kuang:they spent $7000 to buy merch, they're going to sell $7000 worth of merch so it's okay
    - Luca: What club?
    - President Batson: Double degree club

3.6 Vice-President, Internal's Report

W24 VPI GM Report

- *VP Brown presents the above report*
- No questions asked

3.7 Vice-President, Operations' Report

W24 VPO GM Report

- *VP Yuan present the above report*
- No questions asked

3.8 Chair's Report

Chair Report to GM

- *Chair Stone presents the above report*
- No questions asked

3.9 mathNEWS' Report

mathNEWS Budget F2023 Final.pdf

mathNEWS Budget W2024 GM.pdf

- *Councillor Matlin presents the above report*
- No questions asked

- *Math Senator Catherine Dong speaks about her role and the senate*
- *Chair Stone moves to recess for 15 minutes to get food, VP Friedman seconds*
- *No objections or abstentions*

4 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 President will end the discussion unless the assembly directs otherwise.

4.1 MathSoc Fee Increase — *President Batson, Councillor Pater*

Note: The proposed increase can change, if there are objections to any given part of the increase in particular, by amending the motion.

Whereas President Batson, alongside the executive team and support of the business manager, has developed a report on expenditures of the Society here: Fee increase report
Whereas with the report, MathSoc has seen a significant increase in expenditures across all aspects of the Society over the past year, with a 32% increase amongst clubs, an approximate 50% increase for executives and an 11% increase for MathSoc Council and Board;
Whereas with the report, the average revenue of the Society over the past year and a half has been approximately $370 a term;
Whereas a modest fee increase will help offset the increased cost of living, along with supporting the longevity of the Society due to the increase in expenditures over time;
Whereas the executive team with support of the business manager has provided a clear and transparent use of such additional revenue;
Be it resolved that the MathSoc fee is increased from $18.05 to $19.46;
Be it further resolved that alongside the $0.63 increase from the Fall 2023 GM, the additional $1.41 in revenue is used as outlined in the following fee increase proposal: Fee increase proposal ;
Be it further resolved that the executive team works on adding or updating relevant policies and procedures to ensure the proposal is followed.

- *President Batson states the above statements*
- Cristina Dong: Why not increase another 50 cents?
    - President Batson: its exact because they broke down exactly where the revenue could go, we want to be transparent about where every penny is going.
- Q: Would you be able to open the fee increase proposal?
    - President Batson goes over the proposal
- Q: if this passes, when would it be effective if approves
    - President Batson: fall 2024
- VP Luong: could you go over the team building activities?
    - President Batson: Discussion about team building activities that abide by the policies, strictly to team build
- Councillor Grace : when will it take place? What were the factors that caused you to raise the honoraria price?

- President Batson: discussion about how other similar roles in society oversee $300 honoraria, increasing it by that, giving executive do take on more work, also a point to be made, full honoraria is usually given, this gives more leeway to reflect their performance
- Chair Stone: any increase would also have to be approved by board
- River: on the increase in honoraria, thoughts from other VPs?
  - VP Yuan: Yes
  - Councillor Grace: past execs have mentioned increasing it as well
  - President Batson: slight increase is to support the executives as they have a lot of responsibilities, want to be modest, compared to WUSA they get paid $1000 which is quite extreme
- Councillor Grace: about board decision to give full honorarium meeting requirements because in the past it wasnt that way, will there be changes to how this will be given out
  - Stone: will be up to board of directors and EEC's
- *William and Remington abstain, motion passes unanimously*

4.2 Appointment of At-Large Directors — *Chair Stone, Speaker Qureshi*

Whereas the MathSoc Board of Directors contains six independent, at-large seats filled by MathSoc members on a rotating basis as defined by Bylaw 6.2;
Whereas two seats on the Board of Directors are up for re-election for one-year terms; and
Whereas the following candidates submitted their nominations and, optionally, a 100-word statement at least five business days in advance:

> ~~Avish Kathpal – *I like being on council and have been active with PMAMCOC and generally the society. I would love to do more and board seems like the correct next step.*~~
> *(withdrawn)*

Be it resolved that the assembly appoints ___ and ___ to the Board of Directors for one-year terms, commencing in May 2024.

- *Chair Stone takes over as speaker, explains the board of directors*
- Q: how long are the meeting
  - Chair Stone: 2 hours
- *Nominees for 1 year term:*
  - *Councillor River Stanley*
  - *Councillor Asia Mitchell*
  - *Councillor Aayush Patel*
- *Nominees are given time to explain why they would be eligible with Q&A*
- *River Stanley:*
  - *Been web dev for mathsoc for about 8 months*
  - *Knows about mathsoc's troubles in long term projects*

  - *As a business student can provide insight particularly in organisation*
- *Asia Mitchell:*
  - *Been on council for this term and next term as business rep*
  - *Passionate about spreading word about mathsoc and representing the student body*
- *Aayush Patel:*
  - *Already on board of directors, representative of council*
  - *Wants to continue doing work on board and council*
  - *Wants to keep advocating and getting more involved in committees that he's already been doing like MFCF*
- *Q&A:*
- Councillor Matlin to Asia: in which way would being a director help you with spreading awareness?
  - Asia: a lot of people don't fully understand mathsoc wants to be a part of longer term projects incorporating others' voices
- VP Yuan to River: Are you lead web dev this term?
  - River: Yes
  - VP Yuan: i was talking to others in the team, i've heard there haven't been much progress on the website this term
  - River: due to losing a lead web dev, facing personal challenges, not much time to contribute, shouldn't be a problem looking forward, an issue was losing contact with executives. Was a lo of interest from others at the beginning, the team keep getting less and less attention, incapable of handling term after term projects, would love to see these projects overseen by council or board, needs long term oversight
  - VP Yuan: what kind of attention do you want:
  - River: were left to deal w recruitment for on our own and challenges related to Github
  - VP Yuan: do you think pong time commitment to the team from others would be needed as executives are rotational?
  - Discussion on the topic of the websites irrelevance
  - Councillor Matlin: been a lot of discussion on who owns the responsibility of the website
  - Chair Stone: out of order
- Director A. Qureshi: thinks River is a fantastic person, endorses his skills
- *Chair Stone and Councillor River move to extend meeting time to 8:30, motion passes unanimously, adjournment time passes to 8:30*
- Director A. Qureshi: you're in your 4th year, how will you commit your time as you're in your upper year?
  - River: I'm actually here for 2 more years

- Director A. Qureshi to Aayush: could you expand about the work you've done in your role?
    - Councillor Aayush: learning and understanding the functions of the board, I don't think i've contributed as much as the other directors but hopes to change that
- *Attendees vote*
- *The results are:*
    - *Aayush Patel: 24*
    - *River Stanley: 28*
    - *Asia Mitchell: 33*
- *VP Brown leaves to attend an event at 8:02pm*
- *Fill in blanks with River Stanley and Asia Mitchell*
- *River Stanley and Asia Mitchell abstain, 1 other abstention, the motion passes unanimously*

4.3 Honorary Lifetime Membership — Councillor Feng, VP Yuan

Whereas the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee is tasked with recommending a candidate to receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership for major contributions to student life in the Math Faculty;
Whereas the eligibility criteria for nominees of this award is described in Policy 22.4 as follows:
The nominee must have either:

> Contributed significantly for most terms spent on campus to activities that enhance the environment and student life of Math students. The Committee shall consider not only contribution made directly to Math-related activities, but also activities targeting a larger group that significantly benefit Math students; or
>
> Made a singular and truly exceptional contribution to the environment or student life of Math students, going far beyond typical responsibilities of their position, and leading to long-term betterment of undergraduate students in the Faculty.

Whereas the assembly of a general meeting is to confirm a recipient(s) for this award; then,
Be it resolved that _____ (and _____) is (are) awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

- *Councillor Feng goes over her report*
- *The committee decided to nominate the following: Rosie DeFasio, Yuqian (Ina) Wang*
- Cristina Dong: if people can raise their hands if they were involved with these people at the same time?
- *VP Kuang and Chair Stone motions to fill in the blanks with Rosie DeFasio*
- *No objections, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously*

5 New Business

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

- No new business

6 Announcements

- Please apply for executive positions tonight, please, please, please
- VPA votes are happening for WUSA

7 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at 8:00 PM ET.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm