

Council

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Speaker	Nicholas Priebe (President)
Secretary	Ciaran Neely (VPA)
Attendees (Voting)	Executive Officers: Nicholas Priebe (President), Ciaran Neely (VPA), Gracie Zhang (VPF), Rachel Tania (VPI), Damian Mustatea (VPO), Daniel Huab (VPC) First Year Representatives: Jeffrey Qin, Kaushik Chatterjee, Adit Sinsinwal, Charles Chen, Sarah Wilson Actuarial Science Representatives: Statistics Representatives: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Combinatorics and Optimization Representatives: Zev Friedman, Evan Girardin Computer Science Representatives: Marcus Chan, Grace Feng, Kevin Guo, Daniel Matlin, Eddie Pei, Naman Sood Business Representatives: Computing and Financial Management Representatives: Software Engineering Representatives: Teaching Representatives: Mathematical Studies and Other Representatives: At-Large Representatives:
(Non-Voting)	Rose Penner (Business Manager); Benoit Charbonneau (Dean's Delegate); math NEWS ; Daniel Matlin (MEF Executive Director)
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1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Call to Order

Note that quorum for council meetings is $\frac{2}{3}$ of voting members.

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at **6:02 pm** ET.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker 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 councillor 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 policies → POI (Point of Inquiry)
- When you see someone else not following the speaking order → POO (Point of Order)
- If you couldn’t hear or need to take a break, etc. → POP (Point of Personal Privilege)

Most motions at Council aren’t controversial, so we generally 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 ask to have your vote noted in the minutes. We can also use roll-call voting or ballot box voting if $\frac{2}{3}$ of Council agrees to it.

2 Introduction to MathSoc

Presentation by the MathSoc Executives:  Intro to MathSoc W23

3 Consent Agenda

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

3.1 Approval of Council Minutes

Be it resolved that Council approves the minutes from the December 1st regular meeting as presented:  F22-12-01 Council Meeting Minutes

3.2 Budget for Food for Council Meeting #1

Be it resolved that a budget of \$200 is approved for food for the first council meeting, under the Council budget.

4 Special Orders

4.1 Appointment of Council Speaker – *President Priebe, VPA Neely*

As stated in Bylaw 7.8, Council must meet no less than once every three weeks during the period of classes each term. Please refer to Bylaw 7.12.1 more information about the role of Speaker.

Be it resolved that **Cameron Peters** is appointed as the speaker of Council for the Winter 2023 term.

4.2 Appointment of Deputy Speaker – *President Priebe, Councillor Girardin*

While the deputy speaker is not a role encoded in the bylaws, it exists to assist the speaker in the operation of meetings.

Be it resolved that **Lily Mueller** is appointed as the deputy speaker of Council for the Winter 2023 term.

4.3 Appointment of Council Secretary – *President Priebe, Councillor Sood*

Please refer to Bylaw 7.12.2 more information about the role of secretary of Council.

Be it resolved that Laith Bahodi is appointed as the secretary of Council for the Winter 2023 term.

4.4 Appointment of the Elections Committee – *President Priebe, Councillor Sood*

Be it resolved that Cici Neely, Nick Priebe, Evan Girardin, Daniel Matlin, and Grace Feng are appointed to the Elections Committee for the Winter 2023 term; and

Be it further resolved that Evan Girardin from above is appointed as the Chief Returning Officer; and

Be it further resolved to include the following dates for the by-election in the beginning of term email:

The nomination period will be January 12–18,

The all-candidates meeting will be held on January 19,

The campaigning period will be from January 20–24, and

The voting period will be from January 25–27.

4.5 Appointment of Councillor-Directors – *President Priebe, Councillor Girardin*

Whereas each term, 2 councillors are appointed to sit on the Board of Directors for the duration of the term; then

Be it resolved that Councillor Sarah Wilson and Councillor Charles Chen are appointed as councillor-directors for the Winter 2023 term.

4.6 Appointment of the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee – *President Priebe, Councillor Chan*

For information, see Policy 22, Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee.

Whereas the Honorary Lifetime Membership Committee is created each term to fulfil the following duties:

1. to solicit nominations for persons to receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership;
2. to investigate all nominees; and
3. to recommend, to a general meeting, those whom they deem deserving of an honorary lifetime membership;

Whereas the Committee is composed of a Council appointee as chair, as well as one to three other Council appointees; then

Be it resolved that Naman Sood is appointed as chair of the Committee;

Be it further resolved that Daniel Huab, Evan Girardin and Zev Friedman are appointed as members of the Committee;

Be it further resolved that the Committee shall conclude its work and deliver a recommendation to the next general meeting to be voted on by the assembly.

5 Reports

Each executive report shall be considered for a maximum of 10 minutes, plus any extra time left over from the reports that went earlier.

5.1 Executive Reports

President's Report:  W23 President Report #1.pdf

VPF's Report: [VPF Report: Meeting #1](#)

VPO's Report: [VPO Report: Meeting #1](#)

VPI's Report: [VPI Report: Meeting #1](#)

VPA's Report: [VPA Report: Meeting #1](#) + [Used Bookstore Receipt](#)

VPC's Report: [VPC Report: Meeting #1](#)

5.2 Other Reports

Each of these reports shall be considered for a maximum of 5 minutes.

Business Manager's Report:

Chair's Report:

5.3 Representative Reports

Each representative may give an oral report for a maximum of 2 minutes each. Councillors who wish for more time to present their report should submit a written report to the speaker in advance of the agenda submission deadline.

First Year; ActSci; Statistics; PMAMC&O; CS; Business; CFM; SE; Teaching; Math Studies & Other; At-Large

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 Beginning of Term Budgets – **President Priebe, VP Zhang**

Whereas many clubs wish to hold beginning of term social events before the budget meeting; and

Whereas the process for receiving BOT funding is currently inconsistent and poorly communicated; then

Be it resolved that every club is approved for a BOT budget equal to their approved BOT budget from the previous term, up to a maximum of \$500, each conditional on the approval of the VPF and Business Manager;

Be it further resolved that the budgetary policies are updated to reflect this change.

6.2 Beginning of Term Budget for CSC – *Councillor Chan, President Priebe*

Whereas the Computer Science Club received a budget of \$0 for its Beginning of Term event in the term of Fall 2022; and

Whereas even if Motion 6.1 above were approved, CSC would still have no funding allocated for its BOT this term; then

Be it resolved that Council approves a BOT budget of \$300 for CSC.

6.3 Beginning of Term Budget for DSC – *President Priebe, VP Zhang*

Whereas the Data Science Club received a budget of \$184 for its Beginning of Term event in the term of Fall 2022; and

Whereas The Data Science club requests a budget of \$384 for the W23 Beginning of Term events,

Be it resolved that Council approves a BOT budget of \$384 for DSC.

6.4 Beginning of Term Budget for PMC – *President Priebe, Councillor Girardin*

Whereas Professor Kevin Hare has recently published a new result and is giving a talk about it on Thursday, January 12, and

Whereas PMC usually provides snacks at talks,

Be it resolved that PMC is granted \$80 for snacks for this talk.

6.5 Beginning of Term Budget for Cartoons – *President Priebe, Councillor Feng*

Whereas Cartoons did not receive the full requested amount from MEF;

Whereas uncertainty in budgeting leads to a more onerous hiring and onboarding process.

Be it resolved that Cartoons is granted a budget of \$800 for this term, in the “Cartoons” budget line in the VPA budget.

6.6 Beginning of Term Budget for VPO – VP Mustatea, President Priebe

Whereas the previous VPO did not restock office supplies such as batteries, printer paper and snacks

Whereas three office managers have stepped up to take on a lot of shifts throughout the week, thus a Volunteer appreciation gift would like to be given;

Whereas a lot of new volunteers are being hired for the office, and a budget is required to perform the training required;

Be it resolved that VPO is granted \$250 to Budget line ‘Office Candy’, \$100 allocated to ‘Volunteer Training’, \$55 allocated to ‘Paper’, \$40 to ‘Office Supplies’ and \$45 allocated to ‘Volunteer Appreciation’ for a total of \$490

7 New Business

Any councillor may raise any item of concern during new business. Generally, long discussions without a specific motion before the meeting 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 Executives and Fees for Math Studies Club – President Priebe, VP Mustatea

Whereas the Math Studies Club was founded last term and it is standard for new clubs to not charge membership fees for their first term of operation; and

Whereas, while the Math Studies Club’s constitution requires a termly election to be held for executives, having been founded last term, it would benefit from continued stability into the term; then,

Be it resolved that membership fees are waived for the Math Studies Club for the Winter 2023 term;

Be it further resolved that the Club’s current executives are allowed to appoint their executive officers for the Winter 2023 term without an election; and,

Be it further resolved that Council tasks the Club to develop a plan for fee collection and elections procedures by the end of the term.

8 Announcements

9 Adjournment

The meeting is scheduled to be adjourned at **8:10 pm** EST.

10 Upcoming Items

10.1 Discord Communication Discussion – *Vice-President Huab*, _____

Whereas use of the MathSoc Discord is not bound by MathSoc policy and is thus expectations for stakeholders of the society to use the Discord are not straightforward

.... < rest of motion >

Q: Consider how often you use the MathSoc Discord and for what purposes it should serve for your role in MathSoc.

10.2 Student Space in M4 – *President Priebe*, _____

Whereas M4 is being built with a particular focus on student space, and

Whereas there has been minimal student input,

Be it resolved that the president advocates for _____

10.3 Approval of “Sexual Violence in Math Spaces” Survey – *President Priebe*, _____

Whereas MathSoc had several issues last term with student discomfort in MathSoc spaces, and

Whereas no aggregate data currently exists on harassment and violence in MathSoc spaces,

Be it resolved that the president designs and distributes a survey on experiences of harassment and violence in MathSoc spaces.

Be it further resolved that \$_____ be budgeted for gift cards for responders.