Waterloo Engineering Society Joint Annual General Meeting 2017

**Date:** Saturday June 24th 2017  
**Location:** RCH 101  
**Chair:** Awn Duqoum  
**Secretary:** Thomas Dedinsky

# 1.0 Call to Order:

**Time:** 5:03 pm

Quorum is met. A-Society: 58, B-Society: 69.

# 2.0 Ratification of the Speaker:

**Time:** 5:04 pm

Awn Duqoum is the Speaker, this is to vote to let him be the Speaker

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| Motion: | Ratification of the Speaker |
| Mover: | Liam Yeates |
| Seconder: | Sarah Martin |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Abstainers: | Daniel Laroche |

# 3.0 Robert’s Rules Review:

Skipped. It was deemed unnecessary.

# 4.0 Godiva’s Hymn:

We sung well.

# 5.0 Approval of Engenda:

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| Motion: | Approval of JAGM 2017 Engenda |
| Mover: | Alan Huang |
| Seconder: | Sabrina Huston |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

# 6.0 Approval of Minutes:

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| Motion: | Approval of Minutes (JAGM 2016) |
| Mover: | Felix Jancso-Szabo |
| Seconder: | Sarah Madigan |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Abstainers: | Daniel |

# 7.0 Receipt of Auditors Report

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| Title: | Receipt of Auditors’ Report |
| Mover: | **Abdullah Barakat** |
| Seconder: | Michael Beauchemin |
| Spirit: | To receive the auditor’s report of the 2016 fiscal year |
| WHEREAS: | MNP, on behalf of the Federation of Students, performed an audit of the Society’s finances for the 2016 fiscal year |
| BIRT: | The auditor’s report for the 2016 fiscal year be received and ratified |
| Comments: | * **Every year we get audited by FEDS as we’re the only society on campus not having their finances managed by FEDS.** * **MNP is the company that audited us through FEDS.** * **FEDS, every year, on rotation, audits 2 societies, except we get audited every year.** * **Abdullah and Mary Bland would have to meet with FEDS once a week in order to not get audited.** * **It has no immediate ramifications on us if we don’t accept it but it would look super bad on us if we don’t.** |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
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# 8.0 Engineering Society Fee Increase

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| Title: | Engineering Society Fee Increase |
| Mover: | **Abdullah Barakat** |
| Seconder: | Michael Beauchemin |
| Spirit: | To increase the Engineering Society Fee as per inflation |
| WHEREAS: | Over the 2016 calendar year, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 1.4% |
| AND WHEREAS: | The Engineering Society Fee should be increased by CPI to allow for equal buying power from year to year |
| AND WHEREAS: | On May 29th, 2017, the Engineering Society Board of Directors approved a special resolution for an increase in the Engineering Society fee by approximately 1.4%. |
| BIRT: | The Engineering Society Fee be increased by 25 cents from $15.90 to $16.15 |
| BIFRT: | Bylaw 1: Constitution, Chapter II: Membership and Fees, Section C: Fees, be amended to read the following:  Section C: Fees   1. The amount of the Engineering Society Fee is ~~fifteen dollars and ninety cents ($15.90)~~ sixteen dollars and fifteen cents ($16.15) Canadian. 2. The amount of the Engineering Society Fee may be adjusted only through one of the following two mechanisms: 3. By a Special Resolution of the Board of Directors, specifying an adjustment of a percentage equal to or less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Canada in the previous calendar year according to Statistics Canada. This increase is subject to Ratification at the next Joint Annual General Meeting; and 4. By a successful Joint Referendum specifying the amount the fee will be increased. |
| BIFRT: | The Executive provide all required items to the University of Waterloo Board of Governors to start the process of the fee increase. |
| Comments: | * **We need to make sure we have equal buying power as we do every year.** * **Q: Do you know what the rollover amount is every year?** * **A: Varies from term to term, anywhere from $0 to $3000.** * **Q: What does that look like in terms of net money that comes in?** * **A: You can do the math. Take the fee, multiply it by around half of the Engineering population, and you get the result.** * **Q: How did we come up with 1.4% exactly?** * **A: That’s what the consumer price index said. Based on research done by Mary based on CRA findings and Stats Canada.** |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

# 9.0 Mo’ Money, Mo’ Consistency

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| Title: | Mo’ Money, Mo’ Consistency |
| Mover: | **Abdullah Barakat** |
| Seconder: | Michael Beauchemin |
| Spirit: | To allow both the A-Society and B-Society VPs Finance to be ex-officio members on the Board of Directors at all times |
| WHEREAS: | Board has been increasing its scope within the past year |
| AND WHEREAS: | A lot of the discussion has been related to the finances of the Society |
| AND WHEREAS: | Having both VPs Finance on Board would mean more consistency within Board, as well as the two Societies being represented equally on matters pertaining to finances |
| AND WHEREAS: | Having one of the VPs Finance not sit on Board for the term could lead to a loss in communication on financial matters |
| BIRT: | Both the VPs Finance of their respective Societies be allowed to attend all Board meetings as ex-officio members |
| BIFRT: | Bylaw 1: Constitution, Chapter V: Board of Directors, be amended as follows:  Section B: Board of Directors   1. The Board shall be comprised of all: 2. The two (2) Presidents of the Society; 3. Four (4) Representatives from the A-Society Membership; 4. Four (4) Representatives from the B-Society Membership; 5. The ~~on-term~~ Two (2) Vice-Presidents ~~Operations and~~ Finance, who will sit as ~~an~~ ex-officio non-voting resource members; and   The Business Manager of the Society, who will sit as an ex-officio non-voting resource member. |
| Comments: | * **We only have the on-term VP Finance as a non-voting member.** * **Lately we’ve been expanding the work of the Board of Directors, specifically relating to finances.** * **This is so that both societies can communicate their financial stance on it.** * **They have no voting power, and they have specific knowledge that is beneficial when making decisions related to finances.** * **Q: Does that mean they are mandatory to attend?** * **A: They can Skype in if they aren’t able to attend in person.** * **D: Board might get too bloated due to this, the off-term can read the Agenda ahead of time and discuss it with the on-term if needed.** * **Q: Can they be brought in without speaking rights? As a guest speaker even?** * **A: They can be invited, but only by the resolution of the board.** * **A lot of times we’re reviewing the finances of the term that just happened, and there’s a lot of time where the on-term VP Finance doesn’t know what happened during the previous term** * **D: Mary has been present at these meetings and there aren’t many questions that she can’t answer.** * **D: The motion says they don’t have to be there, only that they can, and it shouldn’t have an effect since they’ll attend only when they need to.** * **D: The Directors can choose for the VP Finance not to attend, especially if they aren’t needed for that meeting.** * **To clarify, they are not forced to show up, they’re just invited for every meeting.** * **Q: Is there some concern that they are being there for themselves versus being there for board?** * **A: Last term the board passed a motion that it would have been helpful to known but he didn’t hear about it until after.** * **D: The board minutes and agenda goes on the website, so if they don’t show up to the meeting they can just read the minutes.** |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

* **We’re going to do “‘A’ New Board” and “‘B’ New Board” at the same time**

# 10.0 ‘A’ New Board

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| Title: | ‘A’ New Board |
| Mover: | **Abdullah Barakat** |
| Seconder: | Rachel Malevich |
| Spirit: | To elect new A-Society Board Members for the 2017-2018 year |
| WHEREAS: | As of September 1st, 2017, there will be 4 vacant at-large seats for the A-Society membership. |
| AND WHEREAS: | It is the responsibility of the Joint Annual General Meeting to elect new Board Members |
| BIRT: | The following four members be elected to fill the at-large A-Society seats for the Board of Directors:   1. Awn Duqoum 2. **Emma Kennedy** 3. **Alan Huang** 4. **Felix Jancso-Szabo** |
| Comments: | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Move into Camera | | Mover: | Sarah Martin | | Seconder: | John-Olivier Normandeau | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Table These Motions Until Votes Are Counted | | Mover: | Daniel Robertson | | Seconder: | Niklas Vanderveen | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Untable This Motion | | Mover: | Awn Duqoum | | Seconder: | Daniel Laroche | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Amend Agenda to Include Winners | | Mover: | Michael Beauchemin | | Seconder: | Sarah Martin | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | Noted Against: | Michael Beauchemin | |
| Result: | **Motion Passes** |
| Noted Abstainers: | **Michael** Beauchemin**, Celine, and five other people.** |

# 11.0 ‘B’ New Board

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| Title: | ‘B’ New Board |
| Mover: | Rachel Malevich |
| Seconder: | **Abdullah Barakat** |
| Spirit: | To elect new B-Society Board Members for the 2017-2018 year |
| WHEREAS: | As of September 1st, 2017, there will be 4 vacant at-large seats for the B-Society membership. |
| AND WHEREAS: | It is the responsibility of the Joint Annual General Meeting to elect new Board Members |
| BIRT: | The following four members be elected to fill the at-large B-Society seats for the Board of Directors:   1. Kristopher Sousa 2. **Sarah Martin** 3. **Megan Town** 4. **Grant Mitchell** |
| Comments: | See 10.0 ‘A’ New Board for actual comments   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Amend Agenda to Include Winners | | Mover: | Sarah Martin | | Seconder: | Tiffany Chang | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | |
| B-Soc Result: | **Motion Passes** |

# 12.0 13 Extra Letters that Have Changed Absolutely Nothing

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| Title: | 13 Extra Letters that Have Changed Absolutely Nothing |
| Mover: | **Abdullah Barakat** |
| Seconder: | Michael Beauchemin |
| Spirit: | To revert the title of “Vice-President Operations and Finance” back to “Vice-President Finance” |
| WHEREAS: | The title has changed, but the responsibilities of the role have not |
| AND WHEREAS: | All of the Business Manager’s documents have not been changed to reflect the title change |
| AND WHEREAS: | The email used by the VPOF is still ‘vpfinance@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca’ |
| AND WHEREAS: | It makes more sense to revert the title than to change all of our documentation for an unnecessarily longer title |
| BIRT: | The title of ‘Vice-President Operations and Finance’ be officially changed to ‘Vice-President Finance’ |
| BIFRT: | Bylaw 1: Constitution, Chapter IV: Executive Officers, Section A: General, be amended as follows:  Section A: General   1. There shall be two groups of Executive Officers, one for the A-Society Membership and one for the B-Society Membership. 2. A-Society Executive Officers must be part of the A-Society Membership. 3. B-Society Executive Officers must be part of the B-Society Membership 4. Unless otherwise specified, in this Chapter all references to Executive Officers shall be for those that are On-Term. 5. Each Executive Officer must be an On-Term Member of the Society. 6. Each Executive Officer must be taking classes at the University of Waterloo during the Academic terms during their term of office   The Executive Officers of the Society shall be the President, the Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance, the Vice-President Academic, the Vice-President Communications, and the Vice-President Student Life. |
| BIFRT: | Bylaw 1: Constitution, Chapter IV: Executive Officers, Section C: Vice-President Operations and Finance, be amended as follows:  Section C: Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance   1. The Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance shall be responsible for the preparation of budgets for Council and Board of Director approval as specified in the Bylaws and Policies. 2. Any amendment to a Board approved Society budget must also be approved by the Board of Directors. 3. The Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance shall be responsible for keeping of all accounting records with respect to all financial and like transactions of the Society. 4. Without derogating from Section C.2, the Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance shall be responsible for the maintenance of records of: 5. All sums of money received and disbursed by the Society and the matters with respect to which receipt and disbursement took place; 6. All sales and purchases of the Society; 7. The assets and liabilities of the Society; 8. All other transactions affecting the financial position of the Society; and 9. Trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property. 10. The Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance shall be responsible for the security of the financial records of the Society. 11. The Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance shall be responsible for reporting the expenditures of the Society’s funds in accordance with the budgets approved by the Board of Directors and Council.   The Vice-President ~~Operations and~~ Finance shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of all the Society`s property and offices. |
| BIFRT: | All other mentions of ‘Vice-President Operations and Finance’ in the governing documents become clerical errors |
| Comments: | * Back in Spring 2015 there was a review committee which changed all of the executive structure of EngSoc. * They changed the name of VP Finance but not the role, mainly because they changed every other role a bit. They do have the role relating to operations, but it was like that before. * Instead of changing a bunch of documents, we can just change the name * FEDS VP Finance was called VP Operations and Finance |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

# 13.0 Let’s Try This Again

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| Title: | Let’s Try This Again |
| Mover: | **Hannah Gautreau** |
| Seconder: | Simon Grigg |
| Spirit: | To allow members to run to be a vice-president should they fail to be elected president |
| WHEREAS: | The presidential election is run concurrently with the election of other executive officers |
| AND WHEREAS: | Unsuccessful presidential candidates should be allowed to be nominated for vice-presidential positions in order to allow for as many qualified candidates as possible, |
| BIRT: | Bylaw 2: Elections and Referenda, Chapter III: Executive Officers, Section C: Nominations be amended as follows:   1. If one or more of the presidential candidate(s) state at the All Candidates Orientation meeting that they would like to run for a vice-presidential position should they fail to be elected president:    1. Campaigning and voting shall proceed for only the presidential candidates(s).   A second election shall be held immediately following the announcements of results, electing the vice-presidents. |
| Comments: | * **Hannah is graduated but because this was a tabled motion from last JAGM and she was a part of EngSoc when it was motioned this is fine.** * **We tabled it last time, but we do it anyways, we just want it in our documents.** * **Q: Is campaigning part of this process?** * **A: No, they would do separate campaigning, it’s just the election.** * **Q: In the past what was brought against last JAGM?** * **A: Last JAGM we were holding elections so it would have messed up everything.** * **D: The main points against were people were worried that it would take too long and that we would lose votes for VP due to confusion.** * **D: People who have run for president or are president, would you have run for a VP position if you had this option?** * **D: Patricia ran for President, lost, only one to run for VP Academic.** * **D: A lot of people wouldn’t have run for president.** * **D: It allows better organization.** * **Q: There are tight policies regarding advertising. Would running for President and then VP they would have double the advertising time?** * **A: Comes down to CRO, they should not permit campaigning for other positions while you are running for President.** * **D: Kind of true if the portfolios overlap, usually they don’t. Yes you have your face out in public longer, but if you’re involved your face is known.** * **D: Falls on the duty of the voter when they’re voting.** * **D: If the ability to run again after running for president, not as much consequence, then they might not be as dedicated to being president as people who solely wanted to run for president?** * **D: Again it falls on the duty of the voter.** * **D: I’d rather have the option for more voters.** * **D: If you weren’t serious about exec then you wouldn’t put this much effort into campaigning.** * **D: A lot of previous years when we didn’t do it presidents ran unopposed. It reflects poorly on our society.** * **D: People can already pick to be up for a VP position after the election, but this is saying that they have to run beforehand.** |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Abstainers: | Daniel Laroche, Ian Hill |

# 14.0 Hard Decisions Need More Heads

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| Title: | Hard Decisions Need More Heads |
| Mover: | **Steven Jia** |
| Seconder: | Sabrina Huston |
| Spirit: | To ensure that the practice of using a committee to select delegates for conferences is continued by the VP Communications |
| WHEREAS: | The VP Communications on both Societies have trialed the use of a Delegate Selection Committee for the past term |
| AND WHEREAS: | The VP Communications on both Societies found a committee to be helpful in reducing bias and increasing transparency in the selection process for conference delegates |
| AND WHEREAS: | The guidelines that govern a committee’s purpose, responsibilities, and procedures should be located in the Policy Manual |
| AND WHEREAS: | The eligibility criteria for delegates attending conferences on behalf of the Society should also be specified and officialized |
| BIRT: | The Policy Manual be amended to read: O-8 Conference Delegate Selection Policy The members of a conference delegation shall be decided by the Delegate Selection Committee (the Committee).  1. The Committee is composed of three(3) members, each receiving exactly one(1) vote:  a. The Vice-President Communications, who will act as Chair.  b. Two At-Large Student Members of the Society (as outlined in Section C.2).  2. Choosing The At-Large Student Members  a. They shall be chosen by their Society and appointed by their Council at the second, third, or fourth Council meeting of each term.  b. Their term shall commence on the day following the last day of the examination period of the Academic Term in which they were appointed.  c. Their term shall end on the last day of the examination period of the second Academic Term after the Academic Term in which they were appointed.  d. In the event of a vacancy, a new At-Large Student Member shall be appointed at the following meeting of Council.  i) If the vacancy occurs while the Committee is off-term, a new At-Large Student Member shall be appointed by the off-term Vice-President Communications.  3.  The responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:  a. The Committee shall ensure that applications for a conference are sent out at least one month in advance of the conference registration deadline and close at least two weeks in advance of the conference registration deadline.  b. The Committee shall meet to review applications for a conference after the applications close.  c. At its discretion, the Committee may conduct interviews of shortlisted candidates.  d. Upon reviewing the applications for a conference, the Committee shall determine the members of the conference delegation. |
| Comments: | * When Celine and Steven ran for VP Communications, they wanted to bring this in, other schools used a committee to help make this unbiased, but we only use VP External. We don’t want us only picking our friends. * Waterloo Engineering Society is part of CFES and ESSCO, provincial and federal Engineering Societies. They have yearly conferences, we send delegates to gain knowledge. * B-Society last term, it was good having each candidate be analyzed beforehand, and having more people agree with this decision. * It’s good to set a criteria, and it’s great if more than one person sets it and they can be held accountable to this. * Q: Why can it only be chosen in the second, third, fourth meetings? * A: We don’t want to elect them at the first meeting because it’s a lot of policy, and the fifth meeting is the fun meeting. * A society does not pay fees for these people, they come from the Dean, so it’s important that we can justify why these people are coming. |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

# 15.0 Bad to the Bottle

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| Title: | Bad to the Bottle |
| Mover: | **Zach von Massow** |
| Seconder: | Jeff Gulbronson |
| Spirit: | Disposable water bottles are indefensibly unsustainable and do not belong in the C&D |
| WHEREAS: | Disposable water bottles cost $0.85 in the C&D |
| AND WHEREAS: | Reusable water bottles bought in bulk are incredibly inexpensive |
| AND WHEREAS: | Production of disposable water bottles draws unsustainable amounts of water from local communities like Centre Wellington |
| AND WHEREAS: | Controlled by the FDA, disposable bottles follow **much** lower standards for safety than water in the school’s fountains |
| BIRT: | Engsoc adopts a new stance against the sale of disposable water bottles in the Eng C&D, and seek out affordable, reusable bottles to sell in place of disposable bottles. |
| Comments: | * **It’s 85 cents and I see them in my class sometimes and I talk to people in my class and they say it’s so much easier and it’s not good for the environment** * **you can get them for $1 in packs of 1000** * **D: Water bottles don’t test for E-Coli** * **Q: Why are we taking a stance vs just getting rid of them?** * **A: Talked to Mary, this is quicker, as they’re still needed for some events** * **Q: We want to get rid of disposable ones, are these reusable plastic as well?** * **A: Standard VPA free reusable ones** * **Q: Is there a water bottle refilling going to be in C&D?** * **A: Not currently, but there’s a water fountain 10 meters away** * **Q: If this motion goes through, is this going to come through or will it stop here?** * **A: Just the start, hopefully this will spread to other C&Ds and stuff** * **Q: Are there better disposable ones for recycling that we can use instead?** * **A: Beyond the scope of my research.** * **D: Some people might rely on them, and so many people accidentally leave their reusable water bottle behind** * **D: Personal error, it’s not an excuse to not use a reusable, it doesn’t come from Cali** * **D: Hopefully with this motion we’ll cut back on these and buy reusable for C&D** * **D: Three convenience stores in the plaza that sell water bottles and they won’t stop** * **D: Point is to not have this be a one-time use** * **D: For an exam, metal ones aren’t acceptable, they are needed some times** * **D: Really important for this, human error is going to happen with people forgetting, this is** * **Remember we’re voting on the stance of this motion, not the alternatives** |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted For: | Benjamin Beelen |
| Noted Abstainers: | Michael Beauchemin |

# 16.0 To the window, to the wall, let’s paint that mural y’all!

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| Title: | To the window, to the wall, let’s paint that mural y’all! |
| Mover: | **Rachel Malevich** |
| Seconder: | Sabrina Huston |
| Spirit: | To select the winner of the mural design competition for the mural that will be painted in the Engineering Society Orifice. |
| WHEREAS: | Executive has received multiple submissions and a winner needs to be selected! |
| BIRT: | The submission by Dik Dik and Dicsissel be named the winner of the mural design competition. |
| Comments: | * **We decided to paint a mural behind Mary’s desk in the Orifice.** * **Variety of submissions were received, and we selected three that are semi-acceptable to go on the wall.** * **All of these are rough drafts, which when one is picked it would be bettered.** * **We have to submit this to Plant-Ops anyways. This is more a “this is what we want to be on the wall”.** * **Q: Can we see the rough drafts?** * **A: Obviously** * **Q: What’s the timeframe?** * **A: We’ll submit to Plant-Ops right away, they won’t be surprised, but their timeline of approval isn’t something that I can speak to, hopefully in the fall.** * **Three choices are: Goose in Top Hat, Dik Dik (Deer) and Dicsissel (Bird), and Stained Glass (four drawings on the glass which are also stained glass).** * **Q: About the first one, it’s quite skinny, would it be stretched out sideways?** * **A: The space is going you can choose how much you want to use, I don’t know if it would be stretched artificially, also this is a rough.** * **Q: Would the first one be black and white?** * **A: Probably not, the final would be in colour.** * **Q: Could Stained Glass fourth option be amended so is Pearl?** * **A: No.** * **D: For the Stained Glass, we can choose two or three of these four as well.** * **Q: Could the second one be outdated when official animals are changed?** * **A: We probably won’t change animals, we only voted on it once in history.** * **Q: Is Mary okay with all of these?** * **A: I would get Mary’s approval before I painted them. I feel like she has seen them, but she will.** * **Q: Who will be painting it?** * **A: Plant-Ops. When we show it to them we’ll show them why we want to paint it ourselves but they’ll probably do it.** * **Q: Is there some process or way we can ensure it will come out okay in the final process?** * **A: We can repaint, they will also sketch before they paint so we can see.** * **Q: Are these all of the submissions? Was it open to A-Soc?** * **A: No, other inappropriate ones were removed, and yes.** * **D: Plant-Ops has done good painting before.** * **Quorum re-count; A-Soc: 51, B-Soc: 66**  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Table These Motions Until Votes Are Counted | | Mover: | Clarke Vandenhoven | | Seconder: | Michael Beauchemin | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Untable This Motion | | Mover: | Robbie Lowles | | Seconder: | Clarke Vandenhoven | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Motion: | Amend Agenda to Include Winners | | Mover: | John-Olivier Normandeau | | Seconder: | Katie Arnold | | A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes | | Noted Abstainers: | Graham Mitchell, Liam Yeates | |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

# 17.0 We did things!

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| Title: | We did things! |
| Mover: | Abdullah Barakat |
| Seconder: | **Rachel Malevich** |
| Spirit: | To ratify all changes to the governing documents that have been made since Joint Annual General Meeting 2016 |
| WHEREAS: | Numerous changes to the bylaws and policy manual were passed by the A-Society and B-Society councils in the previous year |
| AND WHEREAS: | It is best practice to have these changes passed by general members at the Joint Annual General Meeting |
| BIRT: | The following motions be ratified:   1. How close was it? 2. Take a stance on me (take a stance take a stance take a stance) 3. Who’s the Speaker? 4. Board of What? 5. You Can’t Proxy Me! 6. What does the Speaker say? 7. JAGM Remote Attendance 8. Interpretations of the Constitution 9. Nothing last forever, even cold November Rain |
| Comments: | * **Essentially it’s best practice to make sure we ratified all of the constitutional changes that have been made since last JAGM.** |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |

# 18.0 Student Space Presentation

* Last term B-President was nominated to do a Student Space survey
* It has become way bigger than expected, and the Dean’s Office is busy with projects
* We have scheduled a meeting for late July, as that is the soonest they could meet
* We have a plan though going forward

# 19.0 Society Updates

19.1. A-Society Update

* Mostly just what Abdullah’s team has been working on this term.
* President - Meeting with different sub-societies within engineering, there are three. Chemical, Nanotechnology, and Civil+Environmental+Geological Engineering.
* They are supporting their own cohorts and they aren’t involved in EngSoc and we want to provide support.
* Tool’s 50 B-Day happened!
* We invited Jim Pike, the guy who brought the Tool, to Engineering Day on July 14th.
* We’re working on having better and more cohesive transition document.
* EngSoc’s relationship with FEDS is strengthening, we’re working with current FEDS Executive and are responsive to current procedures and working with different committee presidents.
* Working on EngSoc’s involvement with Orientation Week, having our own rotation, and getting involved with international orientation.
* Working with Outreach Office to reach out to more high school students.
* Sat on the Dean Nomination Committee to reappoint Pearl Sullivan.
* Rachel and I working with respective speakers to work with current council to make it more productive
* Working with Awn keep supporting MATEs within Engineering.
* Q: What metrics do we have for council meetings, besides running time?
* A: Another survey is coming this coming week based on how council has been run.
* There has been good overall attendance, usually a drop between first and second, we actually went up.
* Executive video updates have helped diversify way we reach out/let people know what we’re doing.
* Media is doing videos to show more spirit.
* Steven is handling the conference delegate committee.
* Michael is working with ECE stores and Systems Design to grow RidgidWare.
* ECE wants to give supplies to help it grow, and they will be moving to E7 so not to live in a closet.
* Q: Is the CPH location no longer there after the move?
* A: Yes.
* Novelties also has Square now, we can do credit card and online payments now.
* Department worked with Patricia to send out WatPD survey, and there’s over 1000 responses, so they’re working on taking feedback and improving PD.
* CECA Coop 2.0 now including flexible work terms, WaterlooWorks improvement, and a new survey with feedback to improve it for everyone.
* Student Life introduced compost in poets to more environmental friendly.
* Q: Are there plans to further grow compost in Engineering?
* A: Currently there’s a trial period in POETs and to see if people are using it. if they are, it will grow.
* Q: Have you advertised it?
* A: Working on it.
* D: Those are advertising that composts are coming to campus, just not where they are.
* We’re working to standardize feedback on what we get, making it more actionable, we serve students, want to hear if we aren’t by students.
* We will be sending out feedback forms at the end of each event.
* EngHack was a massive success because first time we collaborated with MLH and we got way more people from other places.
* Steven update: In the Winter 2017, we released a communications survey out to everyone to get feedback on EngSoc’s communication channels to see what we’re doing well.
* 259 responses, 105 from A-Soc and 154 from B-Soc
* Channels we looked at were Facebook, Twitter, Class Reps, etc.,
* Facebook - most people follow the Facebook
* Users said it posted at a good frequency, some wanted more posts, and overall it was pretty relevantly skewed.
* Two weekends ago, they met to discuss these results and made a comprehensive report, it is on website.
* Facebook - Events remind people who might have forgot.
* We need to make people more aware that we have a Facebook. People can write posts instead of Facebook generating stuff
* Include more original content maybe?
* We can hire a social media director to run Facebook maybe.
* Mailing List - People subscribe, good frequency, good relevance.
* Same issues with Facebook, people who weren’t subscribe didn’t know they existed, also changed the mailing list to have new categories and we’re not incentivizing people to switch over.
* Q: Aren’t these skewed? People who are reading this and responding know about EngSoc through some means, and if they didn’t like the frequency they would ignore these posts/email?
* A: Good point, we considered this, but hopefully the diversity of platform lowers this.
* Q: A big reason not a lot of people are on Facebook page because they didn’t know about it? In the questions they are finding out about it, would they subscribe now that they know about it?
* D: We are losing mailing list subscribers.
* We have new mailing list categories, telling class reps to tell people to go to categories. We can’t get people over until there’s enough people. This makes it more relevant, but WE CAN’T USE THEM. Please tell classmates.
* Twitter - no one uses twitter. It’s just auto-generated tweets based on Facebook page.
* Instagram - most people don’t know about it, but potentially they could.
* Reviews were neutral, it could showcase highlights of engineering events, while they happen or after they happen?
* Class reps - it varies based on qualities of class reps, the initiatives on improving council structure and engagement are good, and maybe review in future.
* Not too much we can do there, not any recommendations on how to include class reps.
* How do we make people aware and make it so the class reps are incentivized to do their jobs?
* A: Plug it during orientation week maybe.
* A: QR codes that they share to hold them accountable/give them points.
* Q: Can we mandate speaker to do slide on social media stuff?
* A: Sure.

19.2. B-Society Update

* Had a successful first term, we’re on our way to have a successful Fall.
* Most of the stuff was covered in the A-Soc, Joint updates.
* We had our first successful MATES in Engineering and secured a space in Engineering.
* Now we have a website for MATES, made last term, for first years it should be up soon.
* Communications guidelines for both societies were updated.
* We fixed how we advertise how we advertise to public, in the guidelines.
* VP Finance was restructuring our sponsorship application, working on getting novelties display case, goal last term, but didn’t have time, so it’s been pushed for the Fall.
* A-Soc and B-Soc communication has improved in frequency and consistency.
* Design mural competition happened, you guys voted on it.
* CECA is taking our communication/criticism now, fill out the survey.
* The PD Survey now, Pat and Andrew Frontier and Megan thanks.
* We have new couch for POETS, one new couch should be coming soon (or three).
* What’s to come:
* Long term strategic plan in society, specifically a joint plan for 3-5 years in the future instead of constantly changing it.
* A website revamp
* Continued advocacy on WaterlooWorks and Mental Health Awareness.
* Small changes in Council to make it better.
* Student Space Report will come in the near future.

# 20.0 Varia

20.1 How many days, ‘til IRS?

224 Days.

# 21.0 Adjournment

**Time:** 8:00pm

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| Motion: | Adjourn JAGM 2017 Meeting |
| Mover: | Abdullah Barakat |
| Seconder: | Simon Grigg |
| A-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| B-Soc Result: | Motion Passes |
| Noted Against: | Kieran Broekhoven |
| Noted Abstainers: | Yu Cheng Lin |