



APSA General Council Meeting  
January 13, 2020 (17:00)  
ECHA 1-182

1. Call to order (17:02)
2. Roll call (2 min) - Scott, Colleen, Jenn, Angela, Sam, Kurt, Ryan, Mina, Gurpal, Fred, Angel, Matthew, Anne, Ajay, Anthony, Gurpal, Nils, Anna, Michael, Lisa, Nick, Navjot, Jadin, Kristil, Sana, Dana
  - a. Regrets: Jes, Emma, Danial, Shemanti, Eliana
3. Additions to the agenda (1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the agenda  
First: Scott Second: Michael
4. Review last meeting's minutes (1 min)  
**Motion:** To approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes  
First: Scott Second: Jadin

New Business:

5. APSA Elections (20 min) - Lisa
  - [Tentative Nomination Package](#)
  - a. Signature Requirement on nomination package
    1. Lisa - I think the current signature requirements of five when you apply to run in elections should be eliminated as I doesn't really change anything,
    2. Scott - I think it doesn't matter, everyone can get those signatures.
    3. Ryan - It doesn't act as a barrier to anything and is just an extra paper to print.
    4. Scott - Okay we will eliminate that.
  - b. Campaign Dates and Forum Dates
    1. Lisa - We want to have presidential elections at the end of January - early February at the latest. I have that we are accepting nomination packages as of tomorrow. We don't need to use SU's form for voting so we can do it anytime. Do we think 1-2 weeks of campaigning is okay? I don't want people to miss things because of exams.
    2. Ayush - Second years don't have anything until February 11th and that week is really bad.
    3. Nick - First years don't have anything until the first week of February.
    4. Jadin - There are a lot of events, so it may be hard to coordinate the forum.
    5. Lisa - Last year campaigning lasted a week and a half. This year Scott and I discussed campaigning starts after nomination packages are due and posters stay up until voting on January 31st with voting over that weekend and results that weekend or Monday. We could accept nominations until January 20. Picking a date for the forum is difficult to get people there and not have it conflict with anything.
    6. Scott - Ee could record the forum and put it online, that worked well last year.
    7. Ryan - If we are worried about time, the whole forum could be open to anyone, and questions from council could be online, similar to last year.
    8. Colleen - There are a lot of events on the calendar for the last week of January.
    9. Scott - We could push the timeline a week or two, we have that leeway. We could see how many candidates we get and base that on how much time we need for the forum. We will make some tentative dates for the forum and come back to this.
  - c. Election expenses (whether candidates will be reimbursed and if not, what is the set limit an individual may spend on each campaign?) - See Next Agenda Item



APSA General Council Meeting  
January 13, 2020 (17:00)  
ECHA 1-182

6. Constitution Amendment (10 min) - Michael
  - a. Michael - How does everyone feel about APSA not reimbursing candidates posters during elections, but still having to submit receipts to the CRO to track the \$10 max? The cost of writing a cheque is \$1 and reimbursements are \$2-\$9 from last year. E-transfers also cost a dollar. I don't want it to deter anyone from running though.
  - b. Kurt - Some people may not want to do that if they are running and then they won't be seen because they don't have posters.
  - c. Nils - I don't think \$10 is unreasonable to ask students to pay.
  - d. Ryan - If we are saying \$10 is negligible, isn't \$1 negligible to APSA?
  - e. Michael - But if 50 people run and APSA has to write 50 cheques, that adds up.
  - f. Matthew - Can we reimburse them with cash?
  - g. Michael - It is difficult logistically to get the cash from our accounts, so realistically we can only use cheques.
  - h. Sam, Jenn, Kurt - I don't think it'll be a deterrent.
  - i. Nils - Could we judge individual cases if it comes up as a deterrent to running?
  - j. Michael - We could look into that if it came up.
  - k. Mina - Do SU bylaws dictate they need to be reimbursed?
  - l. Ryan - After looking, based on SU bylaw, we should be able to do this. We aren't bound by anything to reimburse students based on what I'm seeing.
  - m. Michael - I have also found the same information.  
**Motion:** to amend the Constitution.  
From:  
**SECTION 10.4 b.** Candidates shall not spend more than ten dollars on campaign materials, which shall be reimbursed by the Association, provided that receipts are submitted to the CRO.  
To:  
**SECTION 10.4 b.** Candidates shall not spend more than ten dollars on campaign materials. Receipts shall be submitted to the CRO but will not be reimbursed by the Association.  
First: Scott Second: Nils. All in favour, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion Carries.
7. Faculty Appreciation (2 min) - Scott
  - a. Scott - Last year for appreciation, we had tea and cookies and there were some thank you cards and a speech which was nice. The Memorial University of Newfoundland gathers 5-10 second videos of students saying nice things about professors and I think it would be a good idea and nice gesture, as long as we get all the faculty members represented, to have them all as a video to show during our appreciation event at the end of the semester.
  - b. Fred - The Thank-a-thon is a very similar idea so we could base it on that.
8. Discover Climbing Event (2 min) - Fred
  - a. Fred - This is an event by the climbing club. We are booking the UofA climbing gym just for APSA for 2 hours for people to try climbing. It is \$300 to book it for those two hours (with the student group discount) and shoe rentals are included in that price. I have about 15 people who said they would want to come to the event already and that's just within the club. I would like APSA's approval to cover the cost if we get 30 people, but if less people come then it would be \$6-10 per person. I would like to make it free for people if APSA will cover the cost. It would be January 24th 3-5pm. There is not a max number of people who can attend the event unless we have more than fire regulations which I don't think will



APSA General Council Meeting  
January 13, 2020 (17:00)  
ECHA 1-182

happen.

- b. Michael - Is this a one time cost or will it happen again?
- c. Fred - It would be a one time thing as an APSA event, not just a climbing club event. It's a wellness event and inclusive to all APSA members. You wouldn't have to be there for the whole 2 hours either. I would teach people as well, and some people from the club can be there to help out too.

**Motion:** To approve \$300 for a one time expenditure for an APSA introductory climbing event

First: Scott Second: Angela. All in favour. None opposed. Nils and Fred abstain. Motion carries.

9. Instagram Takeover (5 min) - Angel

- a. Angel - I want to do a day in the life of a pharmacy student on our Instagram page. I have some second years who want to and they will in January. The student gets to take over the Instagram page and show people what you do in school or lab or work. Any third years?
- b. Lisa - I'm in. I can do it on our injection day on January 31st.
- c. Angel - There is a security issue since we have to give out the password so I can change it for that day and then change it back when they are over. We should also have a form people need to sign to say they need to use it professionally.

10. Gift card for Aileen (2 min) - Gurpal

- a. Gurpal - Aileen is one of the primary organizers for Independent Night since 2009 and it is a lot of work, this year in particular was difficult for her. I would like to get a \$25-\$50 gift card to show our appreciation.
- b. Scott - You could do flowers also.

**Motion:** to approve \$50 expenditure for an appreciation gift card and flowers for Aileen.

First: Scott Second: Nils. All in favour. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion Carries.

11. Additions to the Agenda

- a. APSA Bear (1 min) - Anthony

- 1. Anthony - There has been a lot of behind the scenes work this month so I'm giving it to someone who stepped up and did so much work in a brand new role - thank you Angel for all your hard work, we really appreciate it!

12. Adjournment (17:46)

First: Jenn