

RE: "BYLAW REVIEW PROPOSALS
Motion to Change Membership Policy"

Amendments to the Proposed Membership Policy Amendments
To be presented at the WPIRG December 1st, 2017 General Meeting of the Members

Original Proposal Text:

Whereas the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) was subject to a referendum on the question of its automatic student levy in September 2016,
Whereas the undergraduate voting members of the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo voted to remove the automatic levy effective Spring Term 2017,
Whereas all existing WPIRG student and community memberships are due to expire on August 31, 2017,
Whereas WPIRG will not have an automatic membership body as of September 1, 2017,

BIRT WPIRG adopt a new membership model,
BIFRT that anyone wishing to be a member may consider a \$15 annual contribution,
BIFRT that anyone wishing to be a member be subject to an application process,
BIFRT the WPIRG board apply discretion to prioritizing applicants who meet the following assets: that they be a member of the University of Waterloo community as a current undergraduate, current graduate, current staff, current faculty, or alumnus of the 2013 graduating class or later; that they be currently or recently involved with the activities of WPIRG; and, that they have shown dedicated support for WPIRG.
BIFRT WPIRG's current Policy #4 (Membership - Version: September 26, 2003) be replaced with Policy # 4 (Membership - Version: December 1, 2016).

Amended Proposal Text:

Whereas the Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) was subject to a referendum on the question of its automatic student levy in September 2016,
Whereas the undergraduate voting members of the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo voted to remove the automatic levy effective Spring Term 2017,
Whereas WPIRG will not have an automatic membership body that shall pay the automatic fee in the immediate and future terms, as of Spring Term 2017,

BIRT, all automatic memberships assume termination effective May 1, 2017,
BIFRT, the automatic student membership category and the community membership category as defined by Policy #4 (Memberships - Version: September 26, 2003) be terminated, and no further community memberships be issued,

BIFRT, the organization (WPIRG) adopt a new membership model in their place,
BIFRT, the new membership model establish one membership category titled “Individual Campus Membership”,
BIFRT, anyone wishing to be an Individual Campus Member may consider a \$15 annual contribution,
BIFRT, anyone wishing to be an Individual Campus Member be subject to an application process,
BIFRT, the WPIRG board apply discretion to prioritizing applicants who are members of the University of Waterloo community as, (a) current undergraduate student; (b) current graduate student; (c) current staff member; (d) current faculty member; or (e) alumnus of a graduating class not more than three years prior the commencement of their membership. Individual Campus Members are those eligible individuals who have paid membership fees for the current term, who demonstrate agreement with the organization’s mandate, and who do not have interests conflicting with the interests of the organization.
BIFRT, WPIRG’s current Policy #4 (Membership - Version: September 26, 2003) be replaced with Policy #4 (Membership - Version: December 1, 2016).

Comments: In the original proposal there were some minor factual discrepancies or errors between the proposal and the final text of the policy, the latter better reflecting the nature of the motion (as is explicitly noted in the final “BIFRT” of the original amendment that the Policy #4 of 2003 be replaced with Policy #4 of 2016). The amendments to the motion reflect corrections made to match the Policy #4 text (Membership - Version: December 1, 2016), as publicized with due notice prior to the GM and as shall be presented on December 1, 2017, to the members.