



RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Considered at the 2018 AGM

Abstract

Resolutions and recommendations from the 2017 Annual Zone Meetings combined with motions passed by the board of directors, mid-term, for considered by the members at the 2018 AGM.
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This report consolidates the resolutions that were submitted by Zones from the 2017 Annual Zone Meeting, considered by the members and the recommendations considered by the board. It provides the disposition of each resolution and recommendation and the rationale used in the decision process.

This report was drafted by the Chair of the Constitution Advisory Group on behalf of the Board of Directors.

The resolutions and recommendations, from the minutes provided from annual zone meetings, have not knowingly been altered without the express permission of the affected Zone Director.

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Resolutions

Zone H – British Columbia Coastal

1. Name Change Zone H **PASSED**

Be it **RESOLVED**:

THAT the name of Zone H be changed from BC Coastal Zone H to “South West British Columbia” Zone H.

Rationale: The BC Coastal name has created much confusion with our membership in both the BC-C Zone and BC- H Zone. The name change to “South West British Columbia” Zone H would clearly indicate the geographical area that the members live in. The name change to “South West British Columbia” would also follow the zone naming conventions used in Ontario, SW Ontario Middle Ontario and SE Ontario.

Policy Analysis

Opinion:

That the board consider and support this resolution. This is a reasonable request to provide clarity to those unfamiliar with MAAC’s zone boundaries and reduce confusion between the two BC Zones. It has been requested by zone H, the effected zone, which is consistent with the policy to change boundaries. It is supported by the strategic plan through the strategy “to develop a responsive organization”.

Zone C has requested name changes for Zone C and H for the same reason, in Recommendation 3. The request, by zone C to change zone H’s name is inconsistent with the resolution from Zone H, as it suggests a different name from this resolution, and should not influence this resolution.

By-laws: *Silent on zone names.*

Policy Manual: *Silent on zone names, however does state that no change of the number of zones or boundaries will be allowed by special or normal resolution unless the zone(s) to which the changes have an affect make the request for change. In this case Zone H has requested the change to their name.*

Practices: *The name of Zone H was changed from “Pacific Zone” to “British Columbia Coastal Zone” at the 2009 AGM by resolution from Zone H.*

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTED** the resolution and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group. The membership **PASSED** this resolution.

Recommendations

Zone A – Alberta / Northwest Territories / Nunavut

1. Editing of Event Information **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT MAAC enable the originating member or the club executive to amend existing event information on the MAAC website without the need for ZD confirmation of the amendment and that an automatic message be sent to the Zone Director regarding amendment of the event information.

Rationale: If for any reason it becomes necessary to cancel or postpone an event, an amendment to a MAAC website event listing is dependent on a ZD being immediately available to peruse and enter the amendment request. It is desirable for such amendments or notices to be immediately and boldly displayed on the event posting so that someone doing a last-minute check on an event's status would see it. With Canada's varied weather patterns, cancellation or postponement of events often happen with little or no notice, and weather apparent in one location may not be an indicator of conditions within easy driving distance of a scheduled event. Trying to contact an event/contest director may be difficult because he will in all probability have left his home to attend the event.

Such a policy change might also result in more events being sanctioned and the MAAC website becoming the "go-to" site for event information rather than social media which many don't use.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support this recommendation. Its purpose is to streamline the process of ensuring event information is accurate and timely. It provides a benefit to event organizers and to members interested in the event. It reduces red-tape and the zone director's workload. The web-site committee supports the recommendation. The recommendation has been amended by the Constitution Chair as per agreement by the board at the March 19, 2018 board meeting. The addition of an automatic email to the Zone Director has been added.

It is supported by the strategic plan through the strategy "to develop a responsive organization" and the key deliverable "Evolve the website member interface – to allow easier access to information".

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

2. Local Area Fan Out Messages **NOT ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT MAAC grant the club executive and or designated persons the ability to send messages to other zone clubs easily and efficiently.

Rationale: At present, a club wishing to send something to a number of other clubs has to send the message to each club individually. The only alternative is to manually make up a fan-out list for a specific event. This is a ridiculous waste of time and effort when our database has all the necessary information. If a club executive had access to use our mass email tool, it would only be necessary to select the

appropriate clubs from the zone club list for each recipient club to be included. It isn't acceptable that the only alternative is a request to a ZD to use the tool for a general fan-out for what may only be relevant to clubs in a specific area of a zone. This multiple address messaging ability should also include the ability to have message attachments such as event posters etcetera.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this this recommendation as MAAC does not have the tools to allow this type of messaging without compromising MAAC's obligations under the "Personal Information Protection Electronic Documents ACT", the "Privacy Act" and MAAC's privacy statements which prevent MAAC from sharing club contact information. If this was to be considered, web-tools, would need to be developed, to allow specified club representatives to pick a list of clubs to contact without disclosing personal information and the development of guidelines for its proper use.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

Zone C – British Columbia / Yukon

3. Zone H & C Name Change **ACCEPTED**

WHEREAS MAAC Zone H & Zone C boundaries were re-aligned in 2008, and Zone H was re-named 'BC Coastal' and whereas this has led to a certain amount of confusion; therefore

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT MAAC adjust the name of Zone H from BC Coastal to **PACIFIC** and that the name of Zone C be changed to **BC INTERIOR/YUKON**.

Rationale: There is currently confusion between the names BC/Yukon and BC Coastal. Since the farthest east MAAC Zone, Zone B, is called ATLANTIC, then it follows that the farthest West Zone, Zone H, should be called PACIFIC.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support the name change for Zone C only. This recommendation references Zone H which has submitted a resolution to change its name, earlier in the document. For that reason, this recommendation should only be considered as a request to change Zone C's name. To change Zone C's name an ordinary resolution could be considered and passed at a board meeting and affirmed by the members at the next AGM in 2019. In the meantime, the name change would be effective upon passing of the resolution and only rescinded in the event it was not affirmed at the next AGM. This opinion is based on the process used in 2009 that established the current name and the same process that would be used to consider a change to Zone H's name.

It is supported by the strategic plan through the strategy "to develop a responsive organization".

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** the relevant part of the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

4. Board of Directors Voting **NOT ACCEPTED**

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT By-law 15.c be changed as follows:

15. Board of Director Meetings

c. Quorum and vote count

A majority of directors in office, from time to time, but no less than fifty-one (51) percent of the directors, shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Board. The Board, at any meeting in which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the By-laws of the Corporation, and to discuss all matters before the meeting. When the vote is called, on any matter affecting MAAC Policy or for any expenditure exceeding \$2,000 the vote can be nothing less than a majority of the thirteen Board of Directors.

Rationale:

Currently, at a meeting of only the quorum (7) of the 13 directors, 4 votes could pass any motion. A simple calculation ($11,000/13 \times 4 = 3,384$ members or about 31% of the membership). This is wrong. While it is not stated in either the MAAC Bylaws or the MAAC Policy Manual, it does state in the Zone Directors Manual that 51% must be represented in 'most' votes and 66.6% on certain votes (it is not specific what requires 66.6%). Therefore, 7 affirmative or negative votes is required for 'most' matters and 9 affirmative or negative votes is needed to pass or reject certain other matters.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation as it is written. If the board wishes to consider the implied intent of this recommendation it should do so at a board meeting. If the board decides that by-law 15.c should be amended, the drafting of the amendment be referred to the Constitution Advisory Group along with stated goals of the amendment.

This recommendation does not challenge the number of directors that constitutes quorum, which is a majority (50% plus 1) of the directors. Bill c.23 governing not-for-profit corporations sets out in its default rules for quorum of directors that "a majority of the number of directors or minimum number of directors required by the articles constitutes a quorum" and that an alternate rule is permitted in the by-laws that "can provide otherwise". This means the association is permitted in its by-laws to specify the number of directors, other than a majority, required for a quorum.

This recommendation implies that the number of votes required to pass motions that affect policy or expenditures over \$2,000 be set at seven (7) votes regardless of quorum present. It implies that any affected policy requires a majority vote of the total number of board members. Policy is a broad term and may mean different things in the MAAC context. Items of policy in the Policy Manual require affirmation of the members but policy in the context of other documents does not. Policy 11.1.02 delegates to the executive committee, the power to authorize all operating expenditures and any capital expenditures under \$2,001.00. This recommendation conflicts with the executive committee's power to authorize all operating expenditures but is consistent with the current policy of requiring capital expenditures over \$2,000.00 to be approved by the board.

The intent of this recommendation, as written, may have unintended consequences for the board. It would require a review of powers delegated to the executive committee, consideration of the delay or difficulty of moving the business of the association forward without a full complement of board members present at board meetings, and consideration of declaring the required number of votes required for any given motion, regardless of quorum, depending on the nature of the motion.

The strategic plan supports "Manage a suite of governance documents that are current, consistent with best practices and the legislation governing MAAC". Key deliverable G2.1 "Annual review of corporate documents – with a view to staying current and flexible" provides a framework to consider this recommendation.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation as written and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

5. Standing Committees Appointment **NOT ACCEPTED**

WHEREAS the current Policy Manual paragraphs 16.5.01 and 16.5.02 read as follows:

16.5.01 If more than two zone members are nominated to membership for a given committee, two of the nominees shall be chosen for appointment by a plurality vote of the members in attendance in person or by proxy at the annual zone meeting.

16.5.02 Where a MAAC member has unsuccessfully run for election to the chair of a committee, he shall be allowed to serve as a member provided that he does not displace anyone else.

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT That Policy Manual Paragraphs 16.5.01 and 16.5.02 be changed to read as follows:

16.5.01 Any MAAC member can volunteer AT ANY TIME to serve on a standing committee. This can happen at an AZM either as a volunteer or by nomination, or by contacting the appropriate Zone Director and/or the Committee Chairperson. The member can also volunteer to act as Chairman of the committee. It is the Committee Chairman's responsibility to keep the MAAC Office apprised at all times of the members listed as committee members and of any changes made to that list. In the unusual situation where an abundance of members have volunteered for a particular Committee, a maximum limit of 2 members per zone may be implemented. All committee appointments must be approved by the Zone Director in which the member resides.

16.5.02 Where no member has volunteered to chair the committee, the members of the committee shall elect the chair from their numbers under the guidance of the Chair of Chairs.

Rationale: Currently the process of getting onto a committee or becoming chair of a committee is proving cumbersome and unproductive. A more open procedure will create more efficient and more effective committees.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation as written and appoint an ad-hoc committee to examine the policies governing committees and make recommendations to the board. The policy governing standing committees is cumbersome for committees, members and the board and would benefit from a review. The terms of reference for such a standing committee might include a review of the effectiveness of current committee policy and recommendations, for the boards consideration, to streamline appointment, chair selection, casual vacancy, terms of reference and the term of serving committee members, to improve the effectiveness of the committee process.

This concept is supported by the strategic plan through strategies of "Fostering and empowering committees – that manage broad and diverse portfolios of MAAC activities". and "Manage a suite of governance documents that are current, consistent with best practices and the legislation governing MAAC". Key deliverable G2.1 "Annual review of corporate documents – with a view to staying current and flexible" provides a framework to consider this recommendation.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation as written and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

Zone G – Ottawa Valley

6. Club Safety Officer **NOT ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT each MAAC Club should be required to have an elected/appointed Club Safety Officer, responsible to perform all safety related business and affairs of the club and to inform the club executive and applicable Zone director of any safety related issues.

Rationale: In view of the negative publicity surrounding individuals flying drones/unmanned aircraft Systems (UAS) in an unsafe manner. A MAAC club Safety Officer would be pro-active in promoting ground and flight safety at the club level. The Safety officer would also be part of a “Safety line of communication” from the club/member level, through the applicable Zone Director, to the Safety Chair. A Safety Officer could also advise the club executive and members of any changes to the MAAC Safety Code, thereby promoting Safety in a positive manner to MAAC members, Transport Canada and the general public.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation. The recommendation is well intended, to improve safety of individual clubs; however, it would place an undue burden on clubs and another layer of bureaucracy that clubs would need to stay current with. MAAC has a Safety Code that clubs are bound to as part of their membership. MAAC Clubs are classified as Class B non-voting club affiliate members that implement the Safety Code and any other policies or directives reasonably required from time to time by the Board. Clubs are independent entities that have jurisdiction over their structure and how they implement the requirements of the safety code. To date MAAC has not dictated how a club is to be structured, run or adhere to the Safety Code. The insurance advisory group and safety committee have been consulted and do not support the concept. Clubs could, if they choose, discuss and share ideas on safety, in a club best practices forum on the website.

The association appears to have the discretion to implement a recommendation such as this, however it could be challenged by clubs on the basis that it is a change to a condition of being a member. Such changes require the passing of a special resolution, passed by a majority of not less than 2/3 of the votes cast.

The strategic plan contains supportive strategies that provide guidance on MAAC’s vision for safety and key deliverable “S1.2 Promote safety through an active program with clubs and members.” This recommendation in principle could form part of an active program with clubs. There is a potential risk, that a MAAC requirement, for a safety officer could have unintended consequences for MAAC insurance and liability of a safety officer in the event of an incident. Should the board consider pursuing such a recommendation, they should have a solid understanding of the potential consequences and develop a well thought out and definitive terms of reference for the role.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

7. Safety Incident Review **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT the MAAC Safety Committee be advised of all accidents or incident particulars regarding claims paid by MAAC or filed and paid out by the Insurance company. Names of members involved may be withheld.

Rationale: There is no requirement for MAAC to notify the Safety Committee of any safety incident or accident details. The Safety Committee is responsible for oversight of the MAAC Safety Code but unless the Safety Committee is informed of the incident, this committee is unable to review the incident report for possible trends; and unable to recommend to the MAAC Board of Directors safety recommendations to the MAAC Safety Code or further corrective action.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support this recommendation subject to the development of an information transfer protocol, satisfactory to the insurance advisory group and the safety committee, that protects the confidentiality of claims and provides appropriate information for the safety committee's use.

Safety is the third pillar of the strategic plan and the strategy "S1 Promote responsible and accountable activities - that support a strong safety record." supports this initiative to learn from incidents and improve safety documents.

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** in principle this recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

8. Membership Fee Options NOT ACCEPTED

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT membership should be from the day of signup and valid till same date next year; \$10 for 3 days (Only valid when running an event); \$20 for 1 month (pilots will be allowed to renew membership monthly basis); \$80 for 1 year; and partnership with FPVCanada and MultiGP to resell MAAC membership.

Rationale: None provided

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and determine if there is an appetite to expand the options for membership fees and term of membership. The intent of the recommendation is in part to draw new multirotor aero modelers to MAAC through events, with the goal of demonstrating that the \$80 membership is economical in the long run.

The concept of offering annual memberships from the day of sign-up until the same day the following year has been considered by the board in the past. There were logistical reasons for not pursuing it further that included accounting, notification to clubs of elapsed memberships and consistency with most clubs whose membership typically follow the calendar year.

The concept of temporary memberships for events had been previously discussed and a determination made that the risk associated with a temporary membership was not worth it for MAAC. Finally, the concept of FPV Canada and MultiGP reselling MAAC memberships is currently available if they are Class B affiliate members of MAAC.

The intent of part of this recommendation is consistent with strategy M4" Be receptive to all sectors of the hobby – to attract new and retain current members", however it is not consistent with any of the key deliverables within the strategy. The strategic plan is currently silent on expanding membership options and associated fees, something that may change, through board discussions, at the 2018 AGM.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

9. Leader Member Application Criteria **UNDER CONSIDERATION**

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT when considering Leader applications, the Board accepts that effective leadership can be demonstrated at the National, Zone, Club or local levels.

Rationale: None provided

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board take this recommendation under consideration during their review of all MAAC awards. The board is currently reviewing all aspects of MAAC awards including criteria.

The strategic plan addresses member recognition in key deliverable "M3.9. Create a forum to recognize member contributions." The leader member award is part of this forum.

Disposition: The board neither **SUPPORTS** or **REJECTS** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

Zone H – British Columbia Coastal

10. Five-year Membership Term **NOT ACCEPTED**

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT MAAC offers a 5-year membership at a reduced rate.

Rationale: A 5-year membership with a cost reduction similar to the three year membership would be a welcome convenience for our membership.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation. MAAC currently offers a one-year and a three-year open membership. The board has the discretion to amend the current policy to add a five-year membership. It should be noted that a longer-term membership creates challenges for the association. Financial accounting becomes more onerous with the accrual of future memberships and in determining how to respond, in the event of a membership increase, to mid-term memberships. An increase in membership is something that is carefully considered based on the needs of the association and a longer-term membership creates inequity in the amount paid by each member and compromises the return to the association. A three-year membership has been considered a reasonable balance to provide convenience and certainty to members and the potential challenges a longer term might bring.

The strategic plan does not specifically address membership fees, however key deliverable "G4.3 Develop and maintain a long-term financial plan" is the vehicle to consider the implications of a five-year membership.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

11. Club Location **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT a MAAC Club's Main field location be named instead of the Club Contacts location (City address) on the "View the Clubs affiliated with MAAC" web page.

Rationale: This would insure that the club location is the club field location, not the club contacts home location.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support, in principle, this recommendation. The website committee has responded that many club airfields are not located near a recognizable named location, however one of the fixes on the to-do list is to develop a data field with the name of the community the club is based in vs. the club presidents home town. It should be noted that most clubs provide GPS coordinates for their flying field locations on the website.

The strategic plan supports enhancing information about the location of flying fields through strategy "M3 – Partner with members – to improve the long-term viability and sustainability of our facilities and clubs."

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** in principle this recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

Zone I - Quebec

12. Provincial Fun Fly's **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT MAAC make available to the zones, amounts in the budget to assist the organizers of a provincial fun fly and develop a funding allocation formula with specific criteria such as, but not limited to, a fun fly by province or by zone, collaboration between zones and establishment of proportional funding based on the number of members.

Rationale: Festivals are great places to promote our hobby and the cost to host a festival are exorbitant.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support this recommendation by expanding the permitted uses of funds dedicated to promoting zones. Each Zone Director receives a budget for their respective zone, made up of a base amount and a supplementary amount prorated for the number of members in the zone. Permitting the fund to be used to host zone or provincial fun fly's, places more discretion within the zone to determine the best way to support the zone.

The strategic plan supports, in principle, the notion through strategy M2 Bring members together – to enhance enjoyment of the hobby. Key Deliverable M2.1 encourages events and fun fly's and other activities that bring members together. It further allows more flexibility for zones to support growth in membership, clubs and events.

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** in principle this recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

13. Committee for Speed Disciplines **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT a new committee dedicated for all speed competition or regroup actuals committees where we have competition with speed like drone and wings racing.

Rationale: That could not be handle by the Multirotor or FPV committee because the security rules are not the same then when we are on the field. We also have to integrate the National and international rules that are not necessary the same as the MAAC. Many competitions occur in Canada and North American and the MAAC is not represent.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support this recommendation in principle, subject to the proponents of the recommendation developing terms of reference for the proposed new standing committee, that demonstrates a need for a new committee; consultation with related committees; does not attempt to amalgamate committees without express support from those committees; and agrees to take on a startup role for the committee. It is within the boards authority to permit the creation of a new standing committee to represent a unique interest of a group of members.

The strategic plan specifically addresses this recommendation through key deliverable "M4.1 Encourage and foster the formation of committees – for emerging disciplines and provide advisors".

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** in principle this recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

14. Member Validation **TO BE CONSIDERED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT any member can validate if a member is valid, but also if the member a grant the wings, blade or rotor programs and the level for each.

Rationale: That will permit to a MAAC member to evaluate the expertise level of another MAAC member without any technical evaluation on the field.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider forming an ad-hoc committee to study the merits, possible unintended consequence and the tools and administration required to implement such a program and report back to the board before the fall budget meetings. MAAC currently has a documented Wings and Blades training programs that clubs may use to train and certify new pilots within a club. It is not program required by MAAC and there is no mechanism for MAAC to formally recognize and share this nationally. It has been noted that creating a program like this may have unintended consequence with Transport Canada. This may benefit clubs; however, it could be a burden to members who fly in small groups on private property.

The strategic plan could support this recommendation notionally through key deliverables in the Members and Clubs and Safety strategies. There are no specific key deliverables suggesting a program such as this and any conceptual program would need to demonstrate a clear and valued benefit to clubs and members commensurate with the cost to implement and administrate by clubs and MAAC head office.

Disposition: The board neither **SUPPORTS** or **REJECTS** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

15. Relationship with UAV Groups ACCEPTED

THAT MAAC build stronger affiliations with governing bodies like the Canadian Federation for Drone Racing (CFDR) and FAI to define the rules and regulations of competitive UAV Racing.

Rationale: Since competitive UAV sports such as multi-rotor and wing racing has and continues to become exponentially larger each year, we need to depend on other organizations that specialize in these rules. Creating more committees doesn't solve the problem since the fundamental structure of MAAC is for recreation. Also, committee chairs or members are not always qualified to make the rules for competitive (commercial) sports.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support the notion of this recommendation and that the relevant committees reach out and build stronger affiliations with these organizations.

The strategic plan supports actions like this through strategy "M4 Be receptive to all sectors of the hobby – to attract new and retain current members".

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

16. Committee Amalgamation NOT ACCEPTED

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT the following committees should amalgamate under a single committee with sub-chairs (and members) to address each discipline.

- FPV Committee
- Multi-rotor Committee
- FAI Committee
- Precision Aerobatics

Rationale: FPV is becoming much more common place and in 2018, there are over 250 toys entering the market featuring "FPV". These range from drones, planes, helicopters, r/c cars and boats, etc. FPV is the unifying system between all of these committees. Additionally, there are only 1 or 2 key members in these committees who are active in their respective committees, it's creating an inefficient system where Committee chairs are reaching out to the other committees to try and help, but the work mainly falls back on them. Since these committees are so closely tied to how technology is developing, it becomes more efficient where all these units work directly with each other, as one committee. The new structure could look something like this:

FPV Rotor Sport Committee

- Chair
- Sub-Chair - Multi-rotor
- Sub-Chair - Flying Wings
- Sub-Chair - FPV
- Sub-Chair - Competitive Sports

- Committee Member Pool

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation. The affected committees have been contacted and there is no appetite to make any changes. The current standing committee structure grew from the needs of different interest groups to provide a focus within the organization by those who are subject matter experts. The topic of amending the standing committee structure comes up annually and changes are rarely made unless a discipline has become inactive or no longer exists.

The strategic plan addresses committees with strategy “P3 – Foster strong and empowered committees – that manage broad and diverse portfolios of MAAC activities”. The concept of combining disparate committees into one larger committee is not consistent with this strategy and risks losing important input from each discipline.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

Zone M - Southwestern Ontario

17. Recommendation Report **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT the outcomes of recommendations made at annual zone meetings be reported back to the membership by the following AGM. Consider to have a document sent to the membership or that is accessible to the membership that discusses the outcomes.

Rationale: The membership would like to know the outcome of recommendations, currently there is no method for a member to check on the status of a recommendation made in their zone or other zones.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support this recommendation. If the board supports the recommendation, it should consider assigning task of reporting on prior years resolutions and recommendations to the Constitution Advisory Group as part of its annual report. Further, it should task the office manager with providing responses to those resolutions and recommendations that are not part of the Constitution Advisory Groups responsibility to act on, for inclusion in their annual report.

The board has been taking steps each year to add rigor and visibility to resolution and recommendation process. At the 2017 AGM in Halifax, the chair of the Constitution Advisory Group discussed each resolution and recommendation with the members present and explained the outcome and rational of the board in making its decisions. The outcomes of resolutions form part of the minutes of the AGM and available to the members on the website and in print in the March/April edition of MAC magazine. At the front end of the process, resolutions are now required to be submitted in advance of the annual zone meetings so that they can be vetted by the zone director and included in the agenda for the zone meeting. The agenda is sent out three weeks in advance of the annual zone meetings, to provide opportunity for zone members to consider and vote by proxy if they cannot attend the annual zone meeting, in person.

The strategic plan supports this concept through strategy M1 “Develop a responsive organization – that supports growth in membership, clubs and events.” and key deliverable M1.3 “Build appropriate transparency – into the affairs of the association”.

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

18. Combine Committees **NOT ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT the board consider to combine the “Giant Scale Committee” & “Scale Committee” as one, simply called “RC Scale”.

Rationale: There is no support for a “Giant Sale Committee.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation to combine Giant Scale and Scale Committees, and that it support changing the name of “Giant Scale” to “Large Model”. The affected committees have been contacted and there is no appetite to merge the two committees, however there is support from both committee chairman to change the name from “Giant Scale” to “Large Model”.

The Giant Scale chairman raises an issue with MAAC's current limit of two members per zone, when there are a limited number of committee members generated at the AZM's. The current standing committee structure grew from the needs of different interest groups to provide a focus within the organization by those who are subject matter experts. The policy governing standing committees is cumbersome for committees, members and the board and would benefit from a review. Should a review be conducted, it would be best served by an ad-hoc committee of the board with a defined terms of reference that might include a review of the effectiveness of current committee policy and recommendations, for the boards consideration, to streamline appointment, chair selection, casual vacancy, terms of reference and the term of serving committee members, to improve the effectiveness of the committee process.

The strategic plan addresses committees through strategy "P3 – Foster strong and empowered committees – that manage broad and diverse portfolios of MAAC activities". Finding a way to foster healthy committees balanced against the risk of stacking a committee from one zone would contribute to goals of this strategy.

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

19. Donation to Fun Fly NOT ACCEPTED

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT the board consider that "Maac donate Funds towards the Annual Southwest Zone Fun Fly".

Rationale: to help to offset operating costs.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and not support this recommendation as written, however the disposition of recommendation #12 suggests that the MAAC zone budget criteria be expanded to permit support of zone or provincial fun-fly's. Expanding the criteria of approved zone budgets to support zone or Provincial fun-fly's essentially supports this recommendation.

The strategic plan encourages events and fun fly's – and other activities that bring members together".

Disposition: The board does **NOT SUPPORT** the recommendation as written and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

20. Retain Event Section MAC Magazine **ACCEPTED**

Be it **RECOMMENDED**:

THAT MAAC does not remove the “event section” from the MAC magazine until such time that a replacement is in place on the MAAC website and it is being used and is accepted by the membership as the replacement to the magazine event section.

Rationale: The Southwest Zone is unanimous in saying we enjoy the events section of MAC magazine and find it is just one of several reasons people read the magazine. The format and current structure of this section works just fine for us. Removing it will reduce the significance of the magazine.

Constitution Advisory Group Opinion:

That the board consider and support this recommendation. There are no plans to remove the event section from the MAC magazine. The editor of MAC magazine was contacted and offered this statement; “The only comment I have is that as Publisher, I wouldn’t change the event listings until there is a viable alternative not only available but proven to be working well”.

The strategic plan supports the concept of evolving the website member interface – to allow easier access to information. It does not suggest that event information contained in the magazine be removed but could be a consideration in the future.

Disposition: The board **SUPPORTS** the recommendation and agrees with the opinion of the Constitution Advisory Group.

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