

October 3, 2016
MW16-012

To: MW Council Members
From: MW Governing Documents Committee
Subject: Revision of MW Policy Section II Subsection B, D & E– Pre-submitted Motions & Referendum Pro and Con Statements

Background

Currently, SPEEA does not post pre-submitted motions to the SPEEA web site.

With this motion, the policy will be updated to the current standards of the document handling.

Motion

It is moved that: **THE MIDWEST COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISION OF SECTION II SUBSECTION B OF THE MIDWEST POLICY MANUAL**

6. All pre-submitted motions approved for submittal to the Midwest Council will be considered approved for publication ~~on the SPEEA web site~~, unless challenged by a Midwest Council Officer. Any Midwest Council Officer may challenge the publication of a pre-submitted motion ~~on the SPEEA web site~~. The Midwest Council Officers will then vote on the question of posting. A two-thirds majority vote is required to withhold the publication of the pre-submitted motion ~~on the SPEEA web site~~.
- ~~7. The Midwest Council Officers shall ensure that a copy of all pre-submitted motions approved to be posted on the SPEEA web site shall be sent to the Communication Focal responsible for SPEEA web site posting. A disclaimer will appear on the SPEEA web site with the pre-submitted motions, stating that the motions are not yet official SPEEA Policy and are being submitted for Council action.~~
- ~~8. A log of all motions approved for web posting and adopted by the Midwest Council will be maintained on the SPEEA web site until such time they are properly executed (the meaning expires) or incorporated into the formal Midwest Policy Manual.~~

Background

SPEEA web site policy, the time period for posting material, and any disclaimer language is set up by the Executive Board and SPEEA Staff.

With this motion, the policy will be updated to the current standards of the document handling.

Motion

It is moved that: **THE MIDWEST COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISION OF SECTION II SUBSECTION D OF THE MIDWEST POLICY MANUAL**

6. ~~For each Midwest Council meeting in which an agenda is set, the Midwest Council Officers and appropriate Communication Focal shall ensure that the approved agenda shall be posted on the SPEEA web site a minimum of five days before the meeting date. The agenda may be removed no sooner than five days after the meeting.~~
7. Some items on the Council meeting agenda may be considered by the Midwest Council Officers as detrimental to the future of SPEEA's mission if posted on the web site. A 2/3 vote by the Council Officers is needed in order to block specific agenda items from the web-posted meeting agenda. Midwest Council members will receive the full, unedited agenda ~~by mail to their home address~~ **included in their Council packets**.
- ~~8. When selecting the SPEEA web site link to view the Midwest Council meeting agenda, a disclaimer similar to the one used for pre-submitted motions posted on the SPEEA web site shall be viewed first before the Council meeting agenda can be viewed. SPEEA staff and General Counsel shall determine the exact language for this disclaimer.~~

Background

Verify a statement and verifying the truth of a statement is stating the same thing. We are reducing the verbiage of the policy with this motion.

Motion

It is moved that: **THE MIDWEST COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISION OF SECTION II SUBSECTION E OF THE MIDWEST POLICY MANUAL**

6. A minimum of two Council Officers, acting as a Review Committee, shall review the compilers position statements and are responsible for verifying ~~the truth of~~ these statements. The Review Committee has the authority to request back-up data from the author(s) and to delete any portions (as little as one word) of the statement(s) that cannot be validated. A copy of the quoted text bearing an original signature of the author shall accompany all statements attributed to anyone other than the compilers of the position statement.