

Terms of Reference of Singapore Actuarial Society Operations Committee

Date	9 Jan 2020
Chair of Committee	FRANK DEVLIN
Chair of Conference	N / A
Council Member Liaison	FRANK DEVLIN
Deputy Chair	Anuj Behl
Meeting Secretary	-
Frequency of Meetings	MONTHLY, one week prior to Council meeting each month
Next Review Date	Sep / Oct 2020, at the latest

The Committee role is to manage:

- Liaison Role between various office bearers' roles, webmaster and Executive Director
- SAS Membership: New Members / Renewals / Re-joining
- SAS Website: Update and improve to match latest trends in terms of layout and functionalities
- SAS Secretariat Staff
- SAS Staff Handbook: Review and update on yearly basis
- Managing Staff matters – generally via Executive Director
- Providing Guidance to Executive Director
- SAS Operations: Achieve greater efficiency with digitalization, insurance, better procurement, etc.

The current practice is that the four Office Bearers and Website Administrator are members of the Committee with the Executive Director in attendance. Quorum for meetings is three of the five members being present which can include via teleconferencing or video-conferencing facilities.

The Committee has not appointed any sub-committee, working party or task force.

The Committee is responsible for its sub-committees, working parties, task forces and conference. The Committee will review its role and its sub-committees / working parties / task forces annually and propose changes to the Terms of Reference to Council simultaneously with its annual proposed budget.

The Chair of the Committee shall be a Fellow or an Associate of the Society, and shall be, in the first instance, the Vice-president or any other Council members appointed by the Council.

The Chair of the Committee is to ensure any conference organised breaks even, excluding amounts from general sponsorship, but including conference specific sponsorship amounts.

The Committee Chair will be responsible for ensuring that expenditure is monitored so that the expenditure does not breach the Council's budget approved limits for the Committee. If it is likely that expenditure will exceed the Council's approved budget for the Committee, the Committee Chair will need to request additional budget from the Council.

The budget approach to be followed is:

- The Chair of the Committee (along with the Council member who acts in a liaison role with that committee) submits a budget to Council in September/October each year on expected expenditure in the following year and high level estimate of revenue and expenses from any conference that the committee expects to run, including likely date of the conference.
- Council approves or suggests amendments to the budget.
- The Chair of the Committee then has responsibility for the expenses within the budget. Only if the budget looks to be being exceeded does the Chair need to come back to Council.
- For the conference, a more detailed budget on how the budgeted profit from the conference will be achieved some 4-5 months before the conference to be submitted to Council by the Committee Chair for approval.
- The Chair of the Committee needs to approve all expenses in relation to the Committee. However, if the Chair wishes to delegate approval of Conference expenses, s/he may do so, provided they inform the Treasurer and Admin Exec as to the identity of the Conference Chair. No further delegation is allowed.
- The Chair of the Committee cannot approve his/her own expenses and they must be approved by one of the Secretary, vice-President or President of the Society.

It is recognised that General Sponsorship of the Singapore Actuarial Society is sought from a number of organisations and that sponsorship is for the benefit of the whole Society and not ear-marked for any specific conference. However, as part of the General Sponsorship, free conference passes may be given to sponsors. Council has asked Committees to be understanding in relation to this aspect of Society funding, and any overrun in a conference due to the issue of free passes is accepted by the Council.