

Statement on Executive Member Liability in Appointment/Recruitment of Auxiliary Members

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The Office of the President (“the Office”) recognizes that Executive Members under § 7.b.I. of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) *Clubs and Societies Committee Policy Manual* (CSCPM) have the right to appoint or recruit Auxiliary Members to provide support in their roles and responsibilities. The Office also recognizes that under § 7.c.II. of the AMS CSCPM, Executive Members must accept full and complete accountability for their own acts and omissions, where non-compliant members must be requested to resign from their position or be removed through a general meeting or on resolution of the AMS Clubs and Societies Committee. Finally, the Office recognizes that the AMS CSCPM mandates that the President ensure the club’s bylaws are properly implemented (§ 7.d.I.v.).

Accordingly, the Office issues the following recommendations to all Executive Members:

- (1) In appointing or recruiting Auxiliary Members as an Executive Member, Executive Members must be wholly responsible for that Auxiliary Member’s actions and omissions. In cases of bylaw infraction, the AMS Clubs and Societies Committee will hold Executive Members, not their respective Auxiliary Members, legally accountable per § 7.c.II.
- (2) While the *IRSA Constitution* permits the appointment of Associate Vice-Presidents and Associate Directors, they may only assist the Executive Member or Director in their duties. In the case of Associate Directors, regardless of whether Executive Members know of their actions and omissions, they must take responsibility, not the Director. The Office discourages Associate Directors from reporting to Directors due to significant legal liability. Instead, the Office strongly recommends that Associate Directors report to the Executive Member.
- (3) The Office urges all Executive Members to develop accountability mechanisms including reporting, oversight, and consultation to minimize Auxiliary Member deficits. The Office cannot intervene on behalf of any Executive Member where their Auxiliary Member commits a procedural infraction, and the Office must report non-compliance to the AMS Clubs and Societies Committee in alignment with its duties per § 7.d.I.v. of the AMS CSCPM.

