D2-RR Censure and Commendation at AGM Young Greens Standing Orders 2020/2021

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Title

Change to:
Strengthening the voice of the membership: Introducing and clarifying motions of censure and commendation

Motion Text

Insert in line 57:
B3.1.5 Emergency Motions, as outlined in B3.10

B3.1.6 Motions of commendation and motions of censure

From line 72 to 73:
B3.3 Annual reports detailed in B3.2 must be submitted to DAC at least ~~1 week~~2 weeks before the AGM.

In line 87:
B3.7.2 Submission for papers shall close exactly 4 weeks before the AGM, aside from submission for motions of commendation and censure which shall close 1 week before the AGM~~.~~

Reason

At the moment, our Autumn General Meeting has a specific accountability session that allows the membership to question elected officers, and crucially, also gives them the power to pass motions of censure and commendation.

This motion seeks to bring Convention into line with the AGM, and makes sure that members have similar powers to make official statements on their approval or disapproval of certain actions or decisions made by elected officers.

This is important because for example, in the case of 'censure' the membership should be able to hold our executive to account and deliver official sanctions that don't necessarily have to go as far as removing someone from elected office. On the other hand, the membership should be able to officially commend and celebrate the successes, signalling to the membership it's approval of a certain direction of travel etc.

The motion moves that it will be possible to submit motions of censure and commendation at the same time as all other papers, but that close of submissions is a little later. The timeline would be that these need submitting one week before the AGM, so that there is one week to read reports from officers before submitting if people choose to wait to see them first. (This means that I have also moved the report submission date forward a bit to two weeks before the AGM which I believe is a pretty neglible difference).

Supporters

Jane Baston (York); Matthew Hull (Camden); Chris Jarvis (Oxfordshire Green Party)