

Policy Committee Update

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Rules for Member Groups

- Updates
- Enforcement
- <http://www.volunteer.bcs.org/Rules>

Opening and closing member groups

Updating the Rules



The rules are updated mainly because of changes in

- legislation
- the strategy of BCS and therefore Community Board

We make updates by:

- Policy Committee developing draft proposals;
- Discussing these with members at the Autumn convention;
- Conducting a survey of member groups;
- Discussing refined proposals at Spring convention

Enforcing the Rules



Examples of recent issues

- Anti-social behaviour of individuals
- Expenses for alcohol are not allowed for committee meetings
- Appropriate use of member group email lists
- Appropriate use of Southampton Street by members and their guests
- Reinforcing that Member Groups cannot set up companies

Sanctions available to the us include use of the BCS code of conduct where an individual is at fault

where the Member Group is at fault:

- Suspending funding (if funding is suspended any expenditure incurred by the MG would be unauthorised and any officers authorising the expenditure could be jointly liable for the money spent.)
- Suspending or closing the Member Group

Setting up a new member group



Members wishing to create a new Group should be confident that:

- the new Group's activities do not materially overlap with existing groups
- there will be a population of current and potential BCS members who will be prepared to join and participate
- they can identify a founding Committee (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer at the very least)
- they can propose a costed (approximately) programme of activity for the initial year at least (activities do not have to be physical meetings)
- http://www.volunteer.bcs.org/Rules_Proposing_a_Group

Closing a member group



A Member Group may be suspended or closed down if it:

- is not operating
- has come to the end of its planned life
- is in conflict with the Institute's aims and objectives

Any action will be preceded by consultation with members of the Member Group.

Policy Committee recommends action, with Community Board having the final decision.

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