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Background

The ESS Rules of Operation currently state “*The Chair of ESCOP may authorize the expenditure of assessed funds up to \$5000 with 2/3 approval of the ESCOP Executive Committee*” (page 5).

Situation

- **ESS has one account at APLU for all deposits and expenditures**
- **The predominant assessment and expenditure is for the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) efforts**
- **Additional partners funding the CMC has resulted in a reserve**
- **The frequency and need for resources to support ESS has increased**
- **The existing ESS APLU account, with an Amendment, would provide a formal mechanism for routine support of ESS activities**

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Recent Examples

- **Office operations, travel and meetings, dues/memberships, bad debt**
- **NC-FAR Lunch and Learn seminar**
- **APLU Awards recognition and program**
- **National impact writing effort**
- **APLU/AAVMC Antibiotic Resistance Manager support**
- **ESS standing committee meetings**

Proposal

- **Amend the ESS Rules of Operation**
- **Create a budget development and approval process that is comprehensive, efficient, transparent and responsive to ESS members and ESS activities**
- **As a best practice, formally create a budget process with regular feedback mechanisms**
- **Per policy, a narrative was provided 30 days in advance of a vote**

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Result of a Yes Vote

- **Annual budget developed and voted upon at the ESS Annual Meeting**
- ***“The Chair of ESCOP may authorize the expenditure of assessed funds up to \$5000 with a simple majority of the ESCOP Executive Committee. Expenditure of funds greater than \$5000 requires the approval of ESS by a direct vote during the year or as a vote during the ESS budget approval process”.***
- **Amended into Article VII ASSESSMENTS AND BUDGETS.**

Result of a No Vote

- **Antiquated processes remain**
- **Missed opportunities to advance ESS**