

Motion 2 for Legal Review:

Background:

SETA has previously faced serious financial and legal risk when contracts were signed without legal review, including situations which could have potentially bankrupt SETA, and venues requiring the full contract amount up front. Insurance does not cover liabilities that are voluntarily accepted in contracts, such as indemnifying a hotel for its own negligence or intentional misconduct. While the Finance Committee reviews fiscal matters, the committee does not possess the legal expertise required to interpret or identify hidden liability language. Requiring attorney review before approval or signature ensures that SETA enters agreements that do not jeopardize the Area's financial stability. Providing a budget line for legal fees ensures this protection is consistently applied for conventions, assemblies, and SWRAASA-related venue contracts.

Motion:

This motion from the Finance Committee would require any contracts that hold SETA fiscally responsible be reviewed by an attorney before approved by the finance committee or signed by the SETA representative. All legal fees would be paid by the SETA Assembly. Budget items would be added to the SETA Convention (Convention Venue), Alt. Chair (Assembly Venue) and Alt. Delegate (for SWRAASA Venue).