Prioritization of Motions at CFMS General Meetings

The below criteria outline an approach to the prioritization of motions for General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Medical Students:

1. Motions to adopt operational financial policies that are integral to the functioning of the organization (ex. emergency funding)
2. Motions to adopt operational policies that are integral to the functioning of the organization (ex. elections procedures)
3. Motions likely to engender debate amongst the general assembly about socially important issues that will reflect on the public perception of the organization (ex. social justice)
4. Motions likely to engender debate amongst the general assembly about organizationally important issues that will reflect on the perception of the organization within the medical education community (ex. curriculum recommendations)
5. Motions to adopt operational financial policies that are not integral to the functioning of the organization (ex. funding of executive initiatives)
6. Motions to adopt operational policies that are not integral to the functioning of the organization (ex. other internal policies)

NB: The Resolutions Committee, which is typically chaired by the National Officer of Health Policy and comprised of volunteers from the General Assembly, will take into account the input of the CFMS Executive and these guidelines when ordering motions for debate. It is important to note that the Resolutions Committee has final say in the prioritization of motions.

NB: These guidelines, though strongly recommended to the Resolutions Committee, should not be understood to be exclusive of motions that do not fit in the aforementioned categories. Such motions should be prioritized on an ad-hoc basis.