

## Administrative/Budget Committee: Action Guide & Next Steps for Tab G

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**Agenda Item IV:** Discuss Proposed Modifications to the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs)

**Timeline Status:** Discuss and Provide Feedback via Motion as Appropriate

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Council staff will review three areas in the SOPPs for the Committee's review and consideration of modifications. The proposed modifications to the SOPPs are indicated in track changes in **Tab G, No. 4**. The Committee is asked to review and consider a motion to adopt the proposed verbiage or some iteration thereof.

**Sections 2.5.3** and **2.6.3** are concerned with the administrative provisions relating to the conduct of business at SSC, AP, and technical committee meetings. As the use of virtual technology to hold meetings is becoming more prevalent, the recommendation is to address advance notice for attendance to improve the ability to plan the appropriate size space and format for meetings.

After the submission of the updated SOPPs in January, Council staff received a request from NOAA to add verbiage in **Section 3.8** for Council stipends to reflect a reporting requirement of the MSA. This verbiage mirrors the codified text.

**Section 4.8.1** is an update to the recently adopted anti-harassment training requirements for members of the Council, SSCs, and APs. Council staff is proposing that technical committees be included in this requirement for training. In general, the anti-harassment training has been completed by all Council and committee members. However, Council staff is seeking direction for the minimal number of members who have not completed the training. Does the Committee wish to make any modifications to this section of the SOPPs to address this issue?

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**Agenda Item V:** Status Update on Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils

**Timeline Status:** Informational update

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff and Council leadership will provide an update on the information provided during the CCC meeting on the status of the Inflation Reduction Act Funding. We received feedback on Phase II of our initial proposal which was recently refined to address some questions. Clarifications on the Gulf Council's Phase II proposal were submitted on June 13, 2024. The Committee should ask questions and provide recommendations as appropriate.