From: Ariadne Symons To: Invitations

Subject: Comment re: Strategic Evaluation Committee Report

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I am writing to state my opinion that the recommendations of the SEC should be implemented immediately. I feel strongly that the report has cast into question so many of the core, fundamental issues at the AOC and to continue to study, evaluate or seek comment, rather than simply face the facts set forth in the report, continues to cast shadows upon the AOC. The AOC has grown way too large, is management heavy and has lost its way. I agree completely, based on my personal dealings with the AOC, that the members appear to believe they control the judges and tell them what to do, rather than support the judges in performing their functions. I am deeply concerned about the lack of transparency, the lack of prudent fiscal decisions and many of the other items highlighted by the report.

Please note my strong support of the recommendations set forth in the report and my belief that they should be implemented immediately.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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