## **Standing Committee Annual Report**

Name of Committee or Council:	Conflict of Interest
Chair An	nne Wall
Meeting Dates in Current Year:	All meetings occurred via email
Major Actions or Accomplishments:	

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