



Ministry of Magic

*“We are only as strong as we are
united, as weak as we are divided.”
-Albus Dumbledore*

Hi everyone!



My name is Gabrielle Buchbinder and I will be your director for this committee. Over the past year I have become very involved in Model UN, chairing at last year's WUMUNS and participating in several collegiate conferences. I am excited to be able to direct a committee as fun and unique as the Ministry of Magic.

I would like to start by giving some helpful advice on preparing for committee. First, a general background on Harry Potter will be extremely useful in your debates. You will not need to know the books or movies word-for-word, but you are expected to know major characters and ideas that are mentioned in the books. You are also expected to have read all of the books; watching the movies alone will not suffice. If your character does appear in a movie, you can look to that movie to get an idea on how they may act or speak, but committee will be based entirely off of the books. I strongly suggest researching the Ministry of Magic further and looking into the different characters that will be present in this committee.

On the topic of characters, I would like to point out that just knowing Harry, Ron, and Hermione will not be sufficient for this committee. I recommend focusing your research on people within the Ministry and other magical creatures rather than just the students at Hogwarts as they will not be playing a role in our discussions. Become familiar with each of your respective departments to the best of your abilities. I am providing you with a few sources that may be useful in your research and recommend that you check out Wikipedia pages on this topic.

Additionally, a note on the committee's crises. The history surrounding the Ministry is vast and the magical creatures that may come up in discussion and crises are numerous. As a result, I realize that it would be impossible to know of every magical creature and being that exists in the magical world. However, I would recommend that you all familiarize yourself with some major beings (such as dementors, elves, centaurs, werewolves, unicorns, dragons, giants, etc.).

I have one final note on the books versus the movies. We will be using the books as the main source of background information, so if there are any points of disagreement between the books and the movies, the book's information will take precedence. *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, as well as the websites provided, should be good places to start your research. Fan fiction will not count as reliable sources for this committee.

I hope that you have a great time both researching for your roles as well as participating in this committee. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I know that this committee is going to be great!

Sincerely,

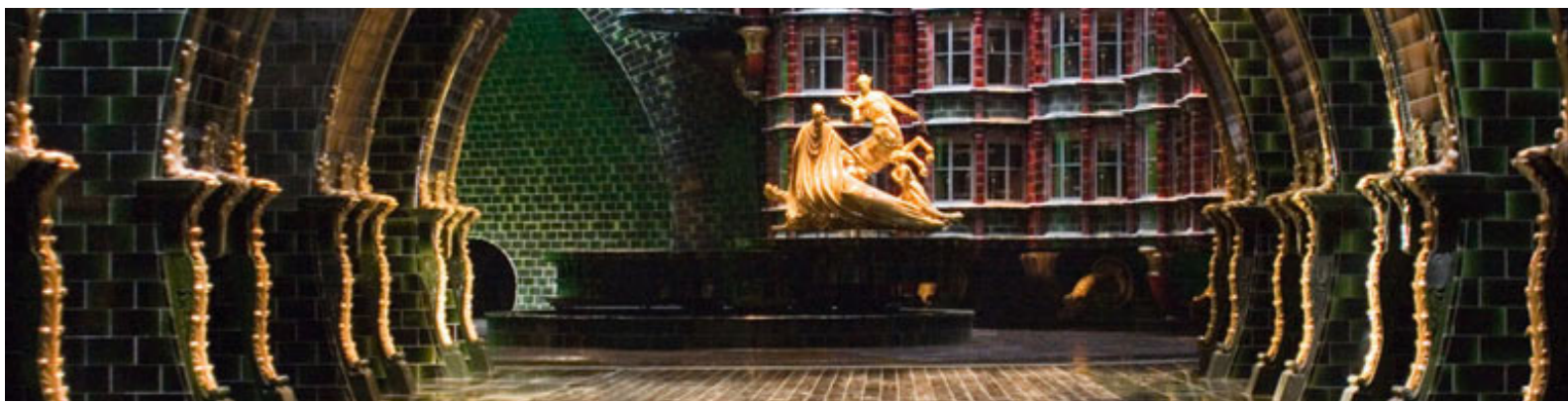
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Introduction

Background

It is the late 1990's; the Ministry of Magic and the wizarding world has just finished the second war against Lord Voldemort and the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures is tasked with reviewing the wizarding world's laws concerning magical creatures. During the war, Voldemort, arguably the most powerful Dark Wizard of all time, created his own Death Eater army that challenged the Ministry as well as the magical world as a whole in his quest for power. Voldemort was able to successfully gather giants, Dementors, wizards, werewolves, and several other creatures that are considered to be dangerous by the Ministry of Magic to fight for him in the war. Perhaps the most famous werewolf on Voldemort's side was Fenrir Greyback, who fought in the Battle of Hogwarts and bit an unknown amount of people.

As a result of Voldemort's rise to power, many Dark Wizards became strong supporters of purification. Voldemort and his Death Eaters believed that wizards had to be pure-blooded, meaning that both parents and all members of their family background were wizards. The Death Eaters went so far as to instigate widespread Muggle killings and Ministry roundups of non-pure wizards. Since Voldemort was able to infiltrate the ministry using the Imperious Curse, an unforgivable curse that gives its caster total control over his or her victim, these killings were often "condoned" and sometime even carried out by the ministry, though they were widely known to have been committed by Voldemort. While the Imperious Curse can be resisted, it takes a very strong inner strength to do so.¹ The curse is essentially undetectable, can be applied to any creature, and people under the Imperious Curse can cast the spell on others as well.

As part of this purification process, magical creatures also became targets of the Death Eaters, unless they joined Voldemort's side. Lord Voldemort was also responsible for creating a population of Inferi, which are reanimated Dark Wizards. Inferi follow the will of the wizard who created them and are classified as undead (further classifications can be found below). There is little literature on the Inferi beyond Voldemort's use of them.

Even before the war began, there were several points of contention among the magical creatures of the world. This last war has served to highlight these problems and has brought the issue of rights and classifications to the forefront of the magical community. With previous laws as well as different creatures' contributions in the war in mind, the ministry must decide which rulings will stay, which will be altered, and which new ones will be added. The Department for the Regulation and Control of

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¹ "Imperius Curse," *Harry Potter Wiki*, February 21, 2013, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Imperius_Curse

Magical Creatures contains beings besides wizards, including ghosts, centaurs, and goblins. Diplomacy between all of these groups is key to prevent another war and to promote harmony in the magical community.

There are three divisions to the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures: Beast, Being, and Spirit. The Beast Division handles problems concerning creatures classified as Beasts. A Beast is “a magical creature that does not have sufficient intelligence to understand the laws of the magical community nor bear part of the responsibility in shaping those laws.”² A Being is “any creature that has sufficient intelligence to understand the laws of the magical community and to bear part of the responsibility in shaping those laws.”³ The Being Division contains three sub-departments: the Goblin Liaison Office, the Office for House-Elf Relocation, and Werewolf Support Services. The last of the divisions, the Spirit Division, almost solely relates to ghosts who claimed that they could not be Beings since they were clearly “has-beens.”⁴ The concept of creature classification has caused many problems within the wizarding world. The delegates present must decide if such a classification system is even necessary, and if so, whether the existing system should be changed. Remember that some of the delegates present may be representing the interests of other species that were not able to make it to this committee such as: gremlins, dementors, poltergeists, sphinxes, and merpeople.

Most of the laws concerning the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures were created in 1811 under the leadership of Grogan Stump. However, many different creatures feel that the laws and classifications of this department mistreat them. Additionally, some of the more fanatical wizards believe that Muggles should belong in the Beast classification as opposed to Beings. Besides the three previously mentioned divisions, there are several classifications for magical creatures. The five classifications for all magical creatures are: “X- boring, XX-harmless/may be domesticated, XXX- competent wizards should cope, XXXX- dangerous/ requires specialist knowledge/ skilled wizard may handle, and XXXXX- known wizard killer/ impossible to train or domesticate.”⁵

Members of this committee have to decide the level of consciousness that each creature has, where they can live, whether or not they are bound by the magical laws that bind wizards, if they can have wands (a large point of contention for species such as goblins and house-elves), and whether they should be granted any species-specific rights. Additionally, the committee will have to decide the make-up and powers of the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures, a department which helped to reunite the magical world after centuries of contention that climaxed in the recent war against Lord Voldemort.

Important Creatures

There are several key creatures that may be mentioned in discussions. Other creatures may also come up and it is recommended that all committee members look at *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* for more information.

² “Beast,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2013, <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Beast>

³ “Being,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2013, <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Being>

⁴ “Spirit,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2013, <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Spirit>

⁵ “Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 7, 2013, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Department_for_the_Regulation_and_Control_of_Magical_Creatures

Wizard: A wizard is a human being with magical abilities. They generally use wands to conduct their magic; however, there are some wizards that do not need them. There are three classifications of wizards: Pure-bloods, Half-bloods, and Muggle-born. Pure-bloods are wizards who have only wizards in their family tree, like the Black family. Half-bloods, on the other hand, have wizarding blood in their family but not necessarily their parents. They are the most common form of wizard. Muggle-borns are wizards who have no magical blood in their family. They usually are the main objects of hatred whenever Pure-blood supremacy feelings and movements come up. Squibs are humans that cannot perform magic, but have wizard parents.

Centaur: A centaur is a magical creature with human physiology for the upper half of the body and a horse's physiology for the lower half. They mistrust wizards as well as Muggles, live in herds, and are very good at divination (seeing the future), magical healing, astronomy, and archery. They are given an XXXX rating, as they should be treated with a lot of respect.⁶

Hungarian Horntail

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Dragon: A dragon is an immense magical beast and is perhaps the most well known by both Muggles and wizards. There are ten known distinct breeds of dragon ranging from the least troublesome Common Welsh Green to the most dangerous Hungarian Horntail. This being said, all dragons are extremely dangerous and should not be approached unless by a trained professional. They are extremely aggressive, and thus are given an XXXXX rating.⁷

Fairy: A fairy is a small magical creature that is not intelligent. Fairies are often conjured or captured by wizards to be used as decorations. Since fairies are vain, they may actually enjoy being used for decorative purposes;

⁶ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 6

⁷ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 10-14

however, the question does remain of how a wizard, or any other magical creature, can treat a fairy. They are given a XX rating.⁸

Ghoul: Ghouls are ugly, non-dangerous creatures that usually live in attics or barns. A ghoul is not dangerous, but can “growl alarmingly at anyone who stumbles across it.” Additionally, the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures has a specific task force, the Ghoul Task Force, which removes ghouls from Muggle homes.⁹

Kelpi: A kelpi is a form of water demon that can take many different shapes including a horse, its most popular shape, and a serpent. It lures its victims into the water and then devours them. The most famous kelpi is found in Loch Ness, Scotland and takes the shape of a giant serpent. These creatures are extremely dangerous and have a XXXX classification.¹⁰

Leprechaun (aka Clauricorn): Leprechauns are mischievous creatures that almost never do actual harm to humans. They are found in Ireland and produce gold-like substances that disappear after a few hours. Even though they can speak, Leprechauns are not classified as “Beings” and are rated as XXX.¹¹

Merperson

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Merpeople: Merpeople vary in appearance and speak their own language, Mermish. They, by their own choice and much like the centaurs, are classified as “Beasts.” Merpeople are known to love music, are highly intelligent, and should be treated with respect (which is why they receive a XXXX classification).¹²

Nundu: A Nundu is the most dangerous magical creature in the world. It is a gigantic leopard-like creature that has the ability to move silently and has disease-causing breath so potent it can kill an entire village. No Nundu has

⁸ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 16-17

⁹ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 18-19

¹⁰ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 23-24

¹¹ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 25

¹² Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 28

ever been subdued with less than a hundred skilled wizards working in unison against it. It has a XXXXX classification.¹³

Pogrebin: A Pogrebin is a Russian demon that resembles a shiny rock when crouching. It follows its human victims for a few hours and causes them to feel lethargic. When the human eventually crouches down to cry, the Pogrebin devours its victim. Since these creatures are relatively easy to get rid of (kicking them away has been proven to be an effective safety measure), they receive a level XXX classification.¹⁴

Poltergeist: A poltergeist is an “indestructible spirit of chaos.” They were never alive and cannot die, differentiating them from ghosts, who were once live witches or wizards. Additionally, they do not have a physical form (the main exception would be Peeves who haunts Hogwarts). Poltergeists are known for their mischievous actions and vandalism.¹⁵

Runespoor: A Runespoor is a three-headed serpent found in Burkina Faso that lives in several forests the Ministry of Magic has made unplottable (cannot be found by Muggles). They have three heads: one for planning, one for dreaming, and one for criticism. However, they are often found with just two when the planning head and the dreaming head band together and bite off the critical head. They are not particularly dangerous, and have been used as pets by Dark Wizards fairly frequently. Runespoor eggs are incredibly valuable since they can be used in potions to stimulate mental agility. As a result, a black market for their sale has sprung up in recent centuries. They have a XXXX rating.¹⁶

Sphinx: The Sphinx is a highly intelligent creature that enjoys puzzles and riddles. They have a human head and a lion body and are not usually dangerous unless guarding something. Sphinxes are classified as XXXX.¹⁷

Troll: A troll is a tall, formidable creature that is known for its strength and stupidity. Of the three kinds of trolls, mountain trolls are the most vicious. The smartest of trolls can be trained to become guards. Trolls are also given a XXXX rating.¹⁸

Werewolf: A werewolf is a human previously bitten by another werewolf. There is no known cure for being bitten by a werewolf; however, there are no symptoms for the bitten human except during full moons. When there is a full moon, the human will transform into a “murderous beast” and forget his or her true identity. It is the only creature that actively looks for human prey. Werewolves are classified in the XXXXX category.¹⁹

¹³ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 31.

¹⁴ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 33.

¹⁵ “Poltergeists”, *Harry Potter Wiki*, February 24, 2014, <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Poltergeist>

¹⁶ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 36-37.

¹⁷ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 39.

¹⁸ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 40-41

¹⁹ Scamander Newt, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. 41-42

Topic A: Magic Rights and Wand Usage

Magic rights is one of the key areas of contention for magical creatures. Many creatures, including goblins and some centaurs, believe the wizarding community is trying to suppress their rights to use magic. This disagreement leads to a more specific argument over which creatures have the right to use wands. Currently, wizards are the only magical creatures with this right. However, as riots by the Brotherhood of Goblins (B.O.G) show, many creatures feel that this should be a more universal right. The Wand Ban is the third clause of the Code of Wand Use. This clause was created in 1631, most likely in response to a bloody goblin rebellion in 1612. This ban allows Part-Human Magical Beings (for example half wizard and half giant creatures) to carry wands; Non-Human Magical Beings (such as vampires and hags) are deprived of this privilege.

Goblin

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The 1631 ban led to further riots by the goblin community and continues to cause significant unrest in the B.O.G. However, other creatures such as house-elves support the current rules regarding the use of magic, despite the fact that they are disenfranchised by the ban.²⁰

²⁰ "Wand Ban," *Harry Potter Wiki*, February 21, 2014 http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Wand_Ban.

Questions to Consider:

- Should all magical creatures have the right to carry wands? If not, what limitations should be put in place?
- At what point in their transformation should werewolves no longer have the ability to carry a wand? Should they be allowed wands at all?
- Should the final choice about wand usage be decided within each magical creature's respective community (for example, allow house elves the final say on their own wand usage)?

Topic B: Classification

The current classification of magical creatures by the Ministry of Magic is outdated and a point of contention for many magical creatures. For example, some ghosts believe that there should be complete distinctions between themselves and poltergeists while many in the larger magical community feel that these two beings are so similar that they can be classified together. Additionally, some of current definitions are in conflict with actual categorizations. Specifically, centaurs and Merpeople are both classified as Beasts (by their own choosing) even though they better fit into the Beings group. They have chosen this distinction because hags are considered Beings; neither centaurs nor Merpeople want to be associated with hags.

Questions to Consider:

- If the classifications are changed (i.e., if there is a new ordering of Beast, Being, and Spirit) how will this affect the different rights of the species?
- What classification do wizard-made creatures such as Inferi belong in?
- After their involvement in the recent war, what should happen to Dementors? Are they considered a magical species and therefore able to continue living as they normally did in the magical world or does their very nature eliminate this possibility?
- How do the different creatures' participation during the war with Voldemort affect their rights and classification?
- Will endangered species be treated differently?
- Will Muggles receive any special classification?

Topic C: Regulation and Trade

Currently, the wizards take the most responsibility for the regulation of all magical creatures. After deciding on classifications of magical beings, the question of how the different beings will help in protecting the secrecy of the magical world from the non-magical world must be discussed. Will there be new agencies under the Department to help keep the magical world hidden

from Muggles? How will the different creatures help keep the barrier between the two worlds intact, if it should remain at all?

What regulations should be put on trade, transportation, and utilization of magical creatures? Committee members must consider concepts of “animal cruelty,” especially against the Thestrals and house-elves at Hogwarts, and extinction levels. Similarly, committee members must decide if the current rules on transporting magical creatures (such as the rules needed to move a dragon) should remain in place and if they are doing enough to protect the Wizarding World from exposure.

Delegate Positions

Amos Diggory

Amos Diggory has been a member of the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures for several years. He lost his son, Cedric Diggory, to Lord Voldemort during the Triwizard Tournament.²¹ Amos Diggory is also the new head of the Beast Division for this Ministry of Magic department. Amos Diggory is one of the most experienced members of this committee. He is committed to equality for all magical creatures and is strongly opposed to the repression techniques used by Voldemort. However, Diggory’s years of experience have also made him aware of the dangers that many species present to humans and other creatures (for research purposes, this last fact is not found in the books or online).

Annis Black

Annis Black is a hag who complained of the way the *Daily Prophet* and other media in the wizarding world have portrayed hags. All sources say that she lives in a cave in Deadmarsh, England.²² Most hags do not willingly communicate with the rest of the magical community and because of this, Annis is the sole representative of the hags. A hag is what Muggles think witches look like. They are ugly, old, and possess rudimentary magic, the same level as trolls. Since hags are classified as Beings, centaurs and Merpeople prefer to be called Beasts.

Bacob Jack

Bacob Jack is the author of *Hairy Snout, Human Heart*, a novel about a wizard’s struggle with being a werewolf. He has suffered an affliction of lycanthropy since 1973.²³ NOTE- The name Bacob Jack does not actually exist in the *Harry Potter* novels but his book does. You will have slightly more freedom with this character.

Edwardo McCullen

There is little known about Edwardo McCullen other than the fact that he was a patient at St. Mungo’s Hospital for Magical Maladies and Injuries while Mr. Weasley was also there. It is believed that he and Lupin became friends.²⁴ After learning more about being a werewolf, Edwardo realized that Lupin’s opinions about wizard-werewolf unity were valid, but contained multiple flaws. (NOTE- The name Edwardo McCullen does not actually exist in the *Harry Potter* novels but the unnamed character does. You will have slightly more freedom with this character.)

²¹ “Amos Diggory,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Amos_Diggory

²² “Annis Black,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Annis_Black

²³ “*Hairy Snout, Human Heart*,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Hairy_Snout,_Human_Heart

²⁴ “Werewolves,” *Harry Potter wikia*, August 31, 2014, <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Werewolf>

Bane	Bane is one of the leaders of the centaur community living in the Forbidden Forrest near Hogwarts. He mistrusts humans and disagreed with Firenze when he went to work at Hogwarts. Bane and the rest of the community did join the fight against Voldemort, but only after Hagrid called them cowards and wounded their pride. ²⁵
Bill Weasley	Bill Weasley is the husband of Fleur Delacour and the eldest son of Arthur and Molly Weasley. Bill Weasley has several characteristics that make him uniquely suited for this committee. He was bitten by Fenrir Greyback during the war with Voldemort and is part werewolf as a result. Additionally, he has worked for Gringotts Wizarding Bank, giving him working experience with goblins. His wife is part Veela and he has spent several months in the company of the house-elf Dobby. ²⁶
Blodwyn Bludd	Blodwyn Bludd is a vampire singer who was born in 1923. There is no evidence that he supported any side during the war against Lord Voldemort. ²⁷ Vampires are part of the classification of Part-Humans, and there are specific guidelines for wizards who come in contact with them including: “do not patronize a vampire” and “treat vampires with respect seeing as they are several years older than wizards.” ²⁸
Sanguini	Sanguini is a proud vampire who attended the Slug Club Christmas party. He was brought by Eldred Worple and had to be distracted from “some young women’s necks by shoving a pasty in his hand.” He is the subject of Worple’s book <i>Blood Brothers: My Life Amongst the Vampires</i> . Sanguini is tall, emaciated, and has dark shadows under his eyes. ²⁹ He is invited to societal events, however he does not hide his vampiric tendencies.
The Bloody Baron	The Bloody Baron is the ghost of Slytherin house. He died trying to bring back Helena Ravenclaw to her mother. The Bloody Baron killed Helena in a fit of rage and then killed himself once he realized what he had done. ³⁰ As the ghost of Slytherin house, the Bloody Baron has slightly more purist views. Even though he fought against Voldemort in the Battle of Hogwarts, the Bloody Baron still believes that Pure-blood wizards are superior to other wizards and other magical creatures.
Brodrig the Boss-Eyed	Brodrig is the leader of the Brotherhood of Goblins. ³¹ The B.O.G. is a group that advocates for goblin rights including the right to carry a wand. At one point, the B.O.G. held a riot and managed to take several wands and proceeded to turn objects into wildebeests. As a goblin, Brodrig feels that the

²⁵ “Bane,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 7, 2014 <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Bane>

²⁶ “William Weasley,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/William_Weasley

²⁷ “Blodwyn Bludd,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Blodwyn_Bludd

²⁸ “Guidelines for the Treatment of Non-Wizarded Part Humans,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 7, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Guidelines_for_the_Treatment_of_Non-Wizard_Part-Humans

²⁹ “Sanguini,” *Harry Potter wikia*, August 31, 2014. <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Sanguini>

³⁰ “Bloody Baron,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Bloody_Baron

³¹ “Brodrig the Boss-Eyed,” *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Brodrig_the_Boss-Eyed

wizarding community is repressive and manipulative.³² He is distrustful of wizards and their agreements.

**Hodrod the
Horny-
Handed**

Hodrod the Horny-Handed is a goblin activist. He is best known for shrinking three wizards and trying to crush them. After this event, the Ministry arrested him, which led to the B.O.G. demanding his release.³³

**Professor
Cuthbert
Binns**

Cuthbert Binns is a professor of history at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He has a twofold purpose on this council as both a ghost and a professor of Goblin Rebellions and Giant Wars.³⁴ His wisdom and knowledge of history as well as his being a ghost make him a valuable asset to the committee.

**Cuthbert
Mockridge**

Mockridge was the head of the Goblin Liaison Office during the mid-1990s. By the summer of 1996, he had left the position and was replaced by Dirk Cresswell, who was later killed by Voldemort.³⁵ He has agreed to sit on this committee to share the knowledge that he has gained across his work. Mockridge is currently not a Ministry employee. He is one of the only members of this committee who has previously attempted to solve some of the problems now being faced by this committee.

**Charlie
Weasley**

Charlie Weasley is a dragon trainer in Romania. The second eldest and most adventurous of the Weasley children, Charlie has spent his years after graduating Hogwarts in Romania studying dragons. He helped to provide the dragons for the Triwizard Tournament in 1994, and served as a member of the Order of the Phoenix during the war with Voldemort.³⁶ He is considered an expert on dragons.

Firenze

Firenze is a friendly centaur who taught at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for several years. Unlike most centaurs, he is friendly toward wizards, which has led to estrangement from his centaur colony in the Forbidden Forest. He fought in the war against Lord Voldemort and was slightly wounded during the battle.³⁷

**Fleur
Delacour**

Now also known as Fleur Weasley, Fleur Delacour is the wife of Bill Weasley. Fleur studied at the prestigious Beauxbatons Academy of Magic and was its representative during the Triwizard Tournament. She is a quarter-Veela and a witch. Her husband, Bill, is also part werewolf. Fleur was awarded medals of bravery from the French and British Ministries of Magic for her participation in the Battle of Hogwarts.³⁸ Additionally, Veela have importance in wand making, as a single strand of Veela has magical properties critical to wand function.

³² "Brotherhood of Goblins," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Brotherhood_of_Goblins

³³ "Hodrod the Horny-Handed," *Harry Potter wikia*, August 31, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Hodrod_the_Horny-Handed

³⁴ "Cuthbert Binns," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014 http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Cuthbert_Binns

³⁵ "Cuthbert Mockridge," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Cuthbert_Mockridge

³⁶ "Charles Weasley," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 7, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Charles_Weasley's_colleagues

³⁷ "Firenze," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 7, 2014 <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Firenze>

³⁸ "Fleur Delacour," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 28, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Fleur_Delacour

Hermione Weasley	Hermione Weasley is a young witch who worked with Harry Potter and Ron Weasley to defeat Lord Voldemort. Her capacity here will be as the liaison from the Office for House-Elf Relocation. After the battle at Hogwarts and returning to school to complete her education, Hermione joined the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures to continue with her work with the Society for the Promotion of Elfish Welfare (S.P.E.W.), which has been controversial even among the house-elves that it strives to help.
Kreacher	Kreacher is a house-elf who worked for the Black family. Regulus Black, his master, tried to destroy a locket that contained one of Voldemort's horcruxes but died while drinking the potion protecting it. Kreacher was devastated by his master's death and tried unsuccessfully to destroy the locket himself (as was his master's last wishes). He soon went crazy and started to talk to himself. Over time, he began to take on many of the Black family philosophies, including the idea of a Pure-blood wizarding community. Kreacher went so far as to essentially spy on the Order of the Phoenix for Bellatrix Lestrange. After Sirius Black's death, Kreacher belonged to Harry Potter who sent him to work at Hogwarts. Once there, Kreacher's attitudes shifted and he led the house-elves of Hogwarts against Lord Voldemort. ³⁹
Nicholas de Mimsy-Porpington	Nicholas de Mimsy-Porpington, more commonly known as Nearly Headless Nick, is the ghost of Gryffindor Tower. While he was alive, he openly associated with Muggles. ⁴⁰ He is not a member of the Headless Hunt, but has gained respect at Hogwarts. Nearly Headless Nick helped as best as a ghost could during the battle against Voldemort, and is widely respected and very wise.
Patrick Delaney-Podmore	Patrick Delaney-Podmore is a ghost at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He is a leader among the ghosts and is in charge of the Headless Hunt. ⁴¹ The Headless Hunt is a series of events that all involve the use of heads including Head Polo, Head Juggling, and Headless Bowling. Patrick believes that headless ghosts are superior to their headed brethren. Additionally, since he is not a House Ghost at Hogwarts and is merely just a ghost in the building, Patrick does not get special recognition by the castle inhabitants. However, during the Battle of Hogwarts he, just like all other Hogwarts ghosts, aided the Order of the Phoenix.
Royden Poke	Royden Poke is an employee at the Ministry of Magic. He previously was the representative for the Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures at a meeting with the B.O.G. This meeting ended in a riot. ⁴² As a whole, the Ministry of Magic and Royden Poke believe that goblin rights should be suppressed. The Ministry does not allow these creatures to have wands and has limited the amount of magic that goblins can perform.

³⁹ "Kreacher," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, <http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Kreacher>

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⁴¹ "Patrick Delaney-Podmore," *Harry Potter Wiki*, January 6, 2014, http://harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Patrick_Delaney-Podmore

⁴² "Royden Poke," *Unknowable Wiki*, January 7, 2014, http://wiki.unknowableroom.org/Royden_Poke

- Sukrak** Sukrak is the widow of Karkus, the last Gurg (giant leader) of the giant colony before Golgomath, an ally of Lord Voldemort, took over. Not much is known about her after the death of Karkus.⁴³ Sukrak will be the only representative member of this species as most of the giants of the world have passed away. NOTE- the actual name Sukrak is not found in the books or online, however the character itself does exist.
- Winky** Winky is a house-elf who used to serve the Crouch family. After being incorrectly blamed for putting up the Dark Mark during the Quidditch World Cup, she began to work at Hogwarts with hundreds of other house-elves. As a result of the accusations, she fell into a state of depression but slowly recovered and fought with the other house-elves against Lord Voldemort. Her desperate situation led Hermione Granger to start her Society for the Promotion of Elfish Welfare.⁴⁴

Committee Procedures

Even though this committee is taking place in a fictional world, the basics of the normal rules of parliamentary procedure will still hold. The members of this committee must remember to not only represent their character as an individual, but also as a member of their specific species. It is possible that there will be disagreement within each species class and it is up to them to work out their differences (for example, specific house-elves may have different opinions on their wand rights). On this note, species will not specifically need to vote in block; however, it is highly recommended that species do vote together if possible. By voting together, you will have more power and influence over the committee.

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