



Minutes

Regional Councillors Committee (RCC)
Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Teleconference

Call in number: 1-866-512-0904

Participant code: 5122544

Chair:	Len King, P.Eng.	Western Region Junior Councillor
Vice-Chair:	Rob Willson, P.Eng.	West Central Region Senior Councillor
Members:	David Brown, P.Eng.	Eastern Region Senior Councillor
	Danny Chui, P.Eng.	West Central Region Junior Councillor
	Nick Colucci, P.Eng.	East Central Region Junior Councillor
	Ewald Kuczera, P.Eng.	Western Region Senior Councillor
	Changiz Sadr, P.Eng.	East Central Region Senior Councillor
	Michael Wesa, P.Eng.	Northern Region Senior Councillor
Staff:	Matthew Ng, P.Eng.	Manager, Chapters
	Julia Milter	Coordinator, Chapters
Regrets:	Charles Kidd, P.Eng.	Eastern Region Junior Councillor
	Serge Robert, P.Eng.	Northern Region Junior Councillor

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 1:02 p.m.

1. West Central Open Issue 29 motion

Councillors discussed proposed motion wording regarding the West Central Open Issue 29. Motion was unanimously carried with some amendments to the motion text and changes to the background information as follows:

Motion 1: In the interest of increasing grassroots participation by all members in PEO Council election, RCC empowers its Chair to communicate the following suggested election process changes to Central Election and Search Committee (CESC) to be taken jointly that:

1. Provision of a restricted campaign expense budget to allow all candidates to attend Chapter functions during the entire PEO Council election period. Such provision shall be spent at the sole discretion of the candidates but only for mileage, reasonable accommodation and other travel expenses in accordance with current PEO expense reimbursement policy.
2. Subject to (1), removal of the current restrictions on election campaigning placed on all candidates during the election period as they relate to attendance at Chapter and PEO functions.
3. A reduced election time frame.

Moved by: Ewald Kuczera. **Seconded by:** Danny Chui.

Recorded vote:

- D. Brown – For
- D. Chui – For
- N. Colucci – For
- E. Kuczera – For
- C. Sadr – For
- M. Wesa – For
- R. Willson – For

Motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Extensive discussions ensued on the background briefing note for this motion. RCC decided to take this offline. Staff is directed to collect the comments from emails and the meeting recording, edit the existing text as needed, and circulate amongst RCC before sending it to CESC.

Action 1: Chapter office staff to collect the comments made (from emails and the meeting audio recording) on background briefing note to this motion, edit the existing text as necessary, and circulate the modified text amongst all RCC before sending it to CESC.

2. Chapter By-Law template

RCC discussed the by-Law template amendments that were forwarded to the Chapter Office since the March 28, 2015 RCC meeting, as per Action 3 from that meeting:

Action 3 from March 28, 2015 RCC meeting: *With regards to the Chapter By-Law template:*

- Chapter Manager to incorporate suggestions made during the RCC meeting into the By-Law template draft and distribute edited document to RCC.
- Regional Councillors to return the document with additional edits to the Chapter Office no later than April 6th, 2015.
- Chapter manager to distribute final version of the By-Law template with all edits to the Chapter Chairs no later than April 10th, 2015.

RCC Councillors discussed the modified document resulting in the following motion. The Chapter Manager is authorized to distribute amended document to the chapters and start the by-law update project:

Motion 2: To approve the Chapter By-Law Template as amended, and distribute it to the chapters no later than April 10, 2015.

Moved by: R. Willson. **Seconded by:** E. Kuczera. Motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Outstanding 2015 Chapter Allotment

M. Ng presented to RCC the list of Chapters who did not submit their 2014 final financial documents and hence has not received the remainder of their 2015 allotment. There are 8 chapters outstanding.

Conversation ensued. Cognizant of the need for timely financial reporting to PEO by the chapters, and the fact that our chapters are volunteers thus we cannot be too demanding, general consensus from RCC was for the respective Regional Councillors to contact the delinquent chapters directly as first step before any further and drastic actions are taken. It was further suggested that a positive statement is always a better method of getting the reports than a negative reprimand.

4. PEO Staff involved in the partner organization events

M. Ng briefed all Regional Councillors on the incident that happened in Grand River Chapter. In specific, the matter was brought to the attention of staff, RCC and Council by way of a letter from the Chapter about an OACETT event that happened in Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge area. The Chapter felt that the event could be better represented and perhaps for the staff to even seek assistance from our local Chapters. Either way, the Chapter is not looking to cast blame but rather wanting PEO to improve the current process so that same problem will not happen again. M. Ng informed RCC that he is working on this and will report back on the progress.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by the chair at 2:12 p.m.