



Minutes

A MEETING of the COUNCIL TERM LIMITS TASK FORCE was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: R. Willson, P.Eng.
N. Hill, P.Eng., Vice-Chair
P. Ballantyne, P.Eng.
M. Stauch, M. ED
M. Wesa, P.Eng.

Staff: S.W. Clark, LL.B. Chief Administrative Officer
D. Power

CALL TO ORDER

Notice having been given and a quorum being present, Mr. Willson, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Ballantyne, seconded by Mr. Wesa to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Wesa, seconded by Ms. Stauch to approve the February 9, 2017 minutes as amended with the removal of the action item that Paul Ballantyne will relocate the Pros and Cons table.

CARRIED

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The action list was reviewed.

R. Willson will contact L. King regarding his contributions to the CTL TF.

HRC PEER REVIEW

Following discussion further CTL TF comments were added to the first recommendation under 5.1 Term Limits relating to General Member of Council as noted in bold type.

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A shorter cooling off period is equivalent to no term limit. The evidence from PEO elections is that a hiatus does not

eliminate incumbent advantage.

Further to additional comments from HRC as per President Comrie's email dated January 23, 2017, the following comments were added (in bold) relating to "Recommending the most "severe" term limits."

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LEC PEER REVIEW

There were no further recommended changes regarding the LEC Peer Review.

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REPORT REVISIONS

The committee reviewed and made changes to the Introductions and Background sections of the report.

Action: M. Wesa will work on item 7.5 Appendix 5.

Following discussion regarding the "cooling off" period S. Clark suggested that reference to this be included in the report rather than in the Briefing Note to Council.

Action: The 1994 and 1997 Reports on Election Reform will be added to Appendix 5.

The task force discussed the format of the Executive Summary. S. Clark advised that it should just capture the highpoints of the report. It was noted that the audience of the task force report will be the membership at large, not just Council.

It was agreed that all articles in the Bibliography must be printed to

form part of the report that goes to Council since it must be part of the public record.

Action: P. Ballantyne will review the minutes to retrieve information that can be added to the report regarding the industry experts engaged by the task force.

Action: S. Clark will follow up with Communications regarding PEO's standard when referencing articles, etc. to determine when to use Superscript in documents.

3.2.3.3 Mandatory Term Limits

Further to the sentence "Governance best practice strongly supports the implementation of mandatory term limits to support board renewal." There should be reference that mandatory term limits will be supported by performance management.

NEXT STEPS

Each team will work on their respective sections and submit changes as soon as possible for inclusion in the February 21, 2017 agenda package.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the meeting concluded and was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATES

- February 21, 2017 – Teleconference – 9:00am to 12:00 noon

These minutes consist of three pages.