



# Minutes

## Regional Councillors Committee (RCC) Saturday, April 21, 2018

### Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, 1 Harbour Square, Toronto

**Chair:** To be elected  
**Vice-Chair:** To be elected

**Members:** Ishwar Bhatia, P.Eng. Eastern Senior Regional Councillor  
Guy Boone, P.Eng. Eastern Junior Regional Councillor  
Thomas Chong, P.Eng. East Central Senior Regional Councillor  
Lola Hidalgo, P.Eng. Western Senior Regional Councillor  
Lisa MacCumber, P.Eng. West Central Junior Regional Councillor  
Serge Robert, P.Eng. Northern Junior Regional Councillor  
Ramesh Subramanian Northern Senior Regional Councillor  
Keivan Torabi, P.Eng. East Central Junior Regional Councillor  
Warren Turnbull, P.Eng. West Central Senior Regional Councillor

**Scrutineers:** Edna Hong, P.Eng. Etobicoke Chapter  
Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng. East-Toronto Chapter

**Staff:** Sharon Gillam Chapter Administrative Assistant  
Julie Hamilton Chapter Coordinator  
Adeilton Ribeiro, P.Eng. Acting Chapter Manager

**Regrets:** Gary Houghton, P.Eng. Western Junior Regional Councillor

#### 1.0 Call to order and welcome

Meeting was called to order by the Acting Chapter Manager, at 12:00 p.m.

##### 1.1 Interim Chair nomination

The Acting Chapter Manager asked if anyone was willing to act as Interim Chair. L. Hidalgo volunteered.

##### 1.2 Election and voting procedures

The Acting Chapter Manager reviewed the election and voting process.

##### 1.3 Scrutineer appointments

The Chapter Office introduced Edna Hon, P.Eng. and Arthur Sinclair, P.Eng., and asked if there were any objections to their appointment as scrutineers. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

#### 2.0 RCC Chair

##### 2.1 Chair nominations

The Interim Chair asked for nominations for the position of RCC Chair.

- G. Boone nominated T. Chong: T. Chong accepted the nomination
- S. Robert nominated W. Turnbull: W. Turnbull accepted the nomination

## 2.2 Candidates' platforms

Each candidate was given three minutes to present his platform.

## 2.3 Voting

Scrutineers collected the ballots and conducted the tally. Scrutineers then presented the results to the Interim Chair, who announced that the 2018-19 RCC Chair would be W. Turnbull, P.Eng.

## 3.0 RCC Vice-Chair

### 3.1 Vice-Chair nominations

The Interim Chair asked for nominations for the position of RCC Vice-Chair.

- R. Subramanian nominates S. Robert: S. Robert accepts the nomination
- I. Bhatia nominates G. Boone: G. Boone declines the nomination.
- As the runner-up in the Chair election, T. Chong will be entered into the Vice-Chair election automatically. (I. Bhatia also nominated him)

### 3.2 Candidates' platforms

S. Robert was given three minutes to present his platform. T. Chong agreed that his earlier platform was sufficient.

### 3.3 Voting

Scrutineers collected the ballots and conducted the tally. Scrutineers then presented the results to the Interim Chair, who announced that the 2018-19 RCC Vice-Chair would be S. Robert, P.Eng.

## 4.0 Other Business

### 4.1 Destruction of ballots

<b>Motion 1:</b> To have scrutineers destroy the ballots and results from the RCC Chair and Vice-Chair elections. Moved by: I. Bhatia. Seconded by G. Boone. Motion <b>CARRIED</b> .
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### 4.2 Interim Chair Resignation

The Interim Chair stepped down and W. Turnbull chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### 4.3 Appointment of Regional Councillors (2) to conduct investigation

The Chair gave a brief overview of the RCC's discussion at the April 7, 2018 RCC meeting in Toronto: RCC will develop a policy on chapter conflict resolution and/or mediation. When such a need exists within a chapter, the first agreed-upon step is to appoint two Regional Councillors (not from the region in question) to act as independent, unbiased, reviewers/assessors.

The Chair explained that West Central currently has a chapter experiencing major conflict and asked for two volunteers.

- I. Bhatia volunteered
- R. Subramanian volunteered

**Motion 2:** To appoint I. Bhatia and R. Subramanian to act as independent assessors for an unnamed West Central chapter. Moved by: G. Boone. Seconded by S. Robert. Motion **CARRIED**.

#### 5.0 **Next meeting scheduled and Adjournment**

The Acting Chapter Manager confirmed that the next RCC meeting will be on Saturday July 28, 2018.

- L. Hidalgo encouraged RCC members to collaborate more this year, and to consider inviting non-regional members of Council to various regional events.
- G. Boone asked to have a conversation about 2018 chapter allotments and asked for \$20,000 more for Eastern Region
- The Chair suggested that RCC could either re-convene after lunch or possibly have a teleconference in a few days, however members of RCC stated that the conversation had to happen right away.
- RCC discussed different aspects and pain points from the 2018 allotments.

**Motion 3:** That RCC will consult with their chapters on the impact of the 2018 allotment amounts, to be followed-up with a teleconference RCC meeting. Moved by: G. Boone. Seconded by T. Chong. Motion **CARRIED**.

**Action 1:** The Chapter Office will circulate 2018 allotment information to all incoming Regional Councillors.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.