



# Minutes

A TELECONFERENCE MEETING of the CENTRAL ELECTION AND SEARCH COMMITTEE was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: G. Comrie, P.Eng., Chair  
B. Dony, P.Eng., Past President  
D. Brown, P.Eng., President  
J. Khan, P.Eng.

Staff: R. Martin, Manager, Secretariat  
D. Smith, Director, Communications  
D. Power, Secretariat Administrator

Regrets: S. Di, P.Eng.

**CALL TO ORDER** Notice having been given and a quorum being present, G. Comrie, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved by, Past President Dony, seconded by President Brown:

**That the agenda be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2018 MEETING** Moved by Past President Dony, seconded by G. Comrie:

**That the minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MIINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2018 MEETING** Moved by President Brown, seconded by J. Khan:

**That the minutes of the November 21, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**COMPLAINT REGARDING USE OF WORD "RE-ELECT"**

Two complaints were received, one on January 20 and one on January 21, 2019 from two different members regarding the use of the word "re-elect" in a candidate's campaign material which they deemed as being misleading and misrepresenting. The Chief Elections Officer (CEO) responded to both complainants advising that she did not see anything inappropriate with the use of the term "re-elect" since the candidate clearly stated in his material that he was a past regional councillor and was seeking to be elected again as such and that there was nothing misleading or misrepresenting in the candidate's material. Since both complainants disagreed with the explanation and ruling provided by the CEO, the matter

was brought to the attention of the Central Election and Search Committee (CESC) for deliberation.

It was noted that Section 3 of the Council approved Publicity Procedures states that “Candidates will have complete control over the content of all their campaign material, including material for publication in *Engineering Dimensions*, on PEO’s website, and on their own websites.”

Moved by Past President Dony, seconded by President Brown:

**That the Central Election and Search Committee (CESC) uphold the decision of the Chief Elections Officer that the use of the term “re-elect” is not misleading or misrepresentative and that, given Section 3 of the Council-approved Election Publicity Procedures stating that “Candidates will have complete control over the content of all their campaign material...”, the CESC lacks the authority to direct any candidate to amend their 2019 election campaign material.**

**CARRIED**

The Chief Elections Officer will notify the two complainants that the CESC upholds the ruling of the CEO regarding the use of the term “re-elect”.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business brought forward for discussion.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

These minutes consist of two pages.

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G. Comrie, P.Eng., Chair

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R. Martin, Manager, Secretariat