



Minutes

A MEETING of the CENTRAL ELECTIONS AND SEARCH COMMITTEE was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: B. Dony, P.Eng., President
G. Comrie, P.Eng. Past President
N. Fung, P.Eng.
J. Obaid, P.Eng. [via teleconference]
H. Wojcinski, P.Eng. [via teleconference]

Staff: G. McDonald, P.Eng., Registrar
S.W. Clark, LL.B. Chief Administrative Officer
and General Secretary
D. Smith, Director, Communications
R. Martin, Manager, Secretariat
M. Ng, Manager, Chapters
D. Power, Secretariat Administrator

Guests: I. Bhatia, P.Eng., Chair, Regional Search and Election Committee (Eastern Region)
L. Hidalgo, P.Eng., Chair, Regional Search and Election Committee (Western Region) [via teleconference]
D. Preley, P.Eng., Chair, Regional Search and Election Committee (Northern Region)
W. Turnbull, P.Eng., Chair, Regional Search and Election Committee (West Central Region)

Regrets: T. Chong, P.Eng., Chair

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by President Dony, seconded by N. Fung:

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 24, 2017 OPEN SESSION MEETINGS Moved by President Dony, seconded by N. Fung:

To approve the October 24, 2017 open session minutes as amended.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES R. Martin reviewed the action items which were all completed.

There was a brief discussion regarding a CESC recommendation to re-instate experience requirements in future elections for the offices of Vice President and President. Past President Comrie advised that this proposal

was referred to the Legislation Committee for review in accordance with PEO's legislative change protocol. The Legislation Committee saw no issues with this. The next step would be for the CESC to bring this forward to Council at a future meeting.

DRAFT ALL CANDIDATE MEETING QUESTIONS

R. Martin advised that the all candidate meeting questions will be posted on PEO's website as soon as they are approved by the CESC which is a change from previous years.

The committee discussed and made changes to the proposed questions for the 2018 All Candidate meetings.

Action: R. Martin will send a link for PEO's Strategic Plan to all CESC members.

It was suggested that the moderator have a few relevant situational questions regarding PEO as a regulator. The point is to demonstrate the candidate's depth of knowledge about PEO and their ability to think on their feet.

Moved by N. Fung, seconded by President Dony:

To accept the All Candidate meetings questions as discussed and revised at the November 21, 2017 CESC meeting.

CARRIED

Action: R. Martin will provide a copy of the updated All Candidate meeting questions to all CESC members.

IPSOS REID SURVEY REVIEW

The results of the 2013 Ipsos Reid Council Elections Membership Survey was provided to the committee for information as requested at its October 24, 2017 meeting. The purpose of the request was to see if the survey provided any information to indicate why candidate participation is low. R. Martin referred to page 46 of the survey which dealt with attitudes towards PEO Council noting that this did not provide any real specifics regarding this issue.

H. Wojcinski suggested that a separate survey regarding the desirability to run for PEO Council could be useful and that this could be part of the Governance Review to determine what a reasonable commitment would be to encourage, for example, mid-career engineers to run for election.

H. Wojcinski referred to the new template which gives standard information on each candidate and that this may be a good reason for revisiting that template. She noted that education is required to inform members why it is important to vote.

D. Smith advised that Communications is creating different banners with different messages to post and highlight that not only is voting important

but why voting is important. Five or six different messages will be incorporated into banners which will be rotating on the website as well as included in all of PEO's social media accounts.

CANDIDATE SEARCH

The list of 2018 candidates for PEO Council as of November 21, 2017 was provided to committee members via email and hard copy.

i. CESC Reports

G. Comrie, J. Obaid and W. Wojcinski provided an update regarding their outreach efforts.

ii. RESC Chair Reports

There are three candidates for Northern Regional Councillor which is a very improvement from previous years.

I. Bhatia, L. Hidalgo and W. Turnbull provided updates.

It is expected that additional candidates will be bringing their names forward for most of the positions, including Vice President and President-elect.

There was some discussion regarding communication with unsuccessful candidates from previous elections noting that competencies should always be in the forefront.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought forward for discussion.

NEXT MEETING

Action: Staff will work with the Chair to identify some dates for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

These minutes consist of three pages.

T. Chong, P.Eng., Chair

S.W. Clark, LL.B., Chief Administrative Officer and
General Secretary