



Minutes

A TELECONFERENCE MEETING of the CENTRAL ELECTION AND SEARCH COMMITTEE was held on Thursday, December 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Present: B. Dony, P.Eng., Chair
N. Hill, P.Eng., President
S. Nagrare, P.Eng.

Staff: R. Martin, Manager, Secretariat
D. Power, Secretariat Administrator

Guest: A. Elliot, Chief Elections Officer

Regrets: D. Brown, P.Eng., Past President
D. Mortazavi, P.Eng.

CALL TO ORDER

Notice having been given and a quorum being present, B. Dony, Chair, called the meeting to order. He reviewed the Central Election and Search Committee Terms of Reference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by President Hill, seconded by S. Nagrare:

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 MEETING

Moved by S. Nagrare, seconded by B. Dony:

That the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

INTERPRETATION OF NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION

A summary of email communications between R. Linseman and A. Elliot, Chief Elections Officer, was provided in the meeting package as Appendix B. Nomination Forms were submitted in support of R. Linseman for the position of Vice-President; however, since there was no nominator from the West Central Region, his candidacy for the 2020 PEO elections was not accepted. R. Linseman advised that he disagreed with the CEO's interpretation of the legislation that candidates for at-large positions must have a nominator from each of the five regions. R. Linseman's interpretation is that there has to be a minimum of 15 nominators and they can come from any of the five regions.

B. Dony stated that the legislation states that “14. (1) A Member may be nominated for election to the Council as president-elect, vice-president or a councillor-at-large by no fewer than fifteen other Members, including Member residents from each Region. O. Reg. 157/07, s. 5.”

D. Abrahams, PEO Legal Counsel, was consulted and agreed with the logical and purposive interpretation that staff and the Chief Elections Officer have applied to this situation.

R. Linseman has accepted the fact that he did not meet the requirements; however, he has asked the CESC to consider changing the Regulations to be more clear and that the requirements of each of the five regions be revised for the at-large positions.

Following discussion it was agreed that R. Linseman’s concern would be added to the CESC Issues Report that will be brought before Council at it’s June 2020 meeting. This will be communicated to R. Linseman by A. Elliot, Chief Elections Officer.

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.

B. Dony, P.Eng., Chair

R. Martin, Manager, Secretariat