

Elections Committee Meeting

Wednesday Sept 9, 2015
National Office Boardroom 1944
100 Queen Street, 4th floor
Ottawa, Ontario
12 pm. – 1:00pm

Present:

Tannis Bujaczek (chair), Thai Nguyen, Sebastian Desbarats (tel), Glen Bornais (tel)

Excused:

Zhiyong Hong

Staff:

Isabelle Borré

1- Candidates Eligibility

Art. B3.4- B3.7 states the eligibility of the candidates.

Six nominations were received for the position of EC Director to the NEC. The committee determined that five candidates were eligible and one was not.

The Eligibility Criteria is as follows:

- was nominated
- accepted his nomination (signed)
- member and nominator is in good standing
- application was received on time

The following are the eligible candidates:

Mathieu Stiermann, Maureen Collins, Dorin Petriu, Sanjay Chhotu and Doug Hagar.

One candidate was denied eligibility for the following reasons:

- candidacy request was received past due date and no discretionary rights on the B-L related to the end date
- did not include the proper nomination form
- no signatures showing nomination or acceptance of nomination

Despite mitigating circumstance the candidate was denied eligibility.

ERC Decision to reject request for nomination – unanimous

According to By-Law 3.4, CAPE will confirm nominator is member in good standing or pending.

Letter to be sent to Ms. Turenne regarding her eligibility (Signed by committee)

2- Biographies

According to B3.6 the nomination form can be accompanied by two pages of text, using Arial 12 point, etc. Pictures are accepted within the two pages of the biography or his/her reason for running, contact information and an email address.

CAPE will be responsible for translation, approval of translation and posting of biographies.

CAPE will modify the calendar

3- Consultation with candidates

Proposed date to meet with the candidates and committee is September 22nd, at CAPE HQ Boardroom. If a candidate cannot attend, the candidate can submit his/her ideas or opinions to the committee. Discussion with the candidates will touch on the rules of the election, getting their ideas, sharing of information, behaviour, and webcast. CAPE/ERC to prepare agenda items for the upcoming debate to be held during the AGM, November 17, 2015.

ERC Decision to open the vote before the AGM - unanimous

Need to confirm with Communications if the vote will open on November 9th or 10th

Need to confirm if this will be a webcast or other?

Accepted calendar with modification.

Last year's Webcast approximate costs were 13,700\$ - 30 hits. This is extremely expensive for little to no participation. Last years' webcast was at the request of the candidates.

Items to be discussed with participant on the 22nd of September, during the candidate consultations are as follows:

- How can we increase participation? CAPE will provide estimates for webcast, videoconferences, etc.
- Rules for social media - in the past, candidates could have their own web page etc.
- Committee will draft guidelines in this regard for the candidates.
- Provide them the opportunity to send another 2 pages or leave it to them to decide. No restriction about content, but the committee will have to set the rules (ex: no defamatory)
- Discuss debate process

ERC Decision to offer 2 additional pages – unanimous

4- Resolution

Committee accepted the minor modification to the resolution and concluded that the translation did not change the intent of the resolution.

According to B3.34-B3.35,

- resolution submitted met all criteria and was accepted
- requested Finance committee to revise and accept resolution (B. 3.37)
- If the Finance committee accepts, any changes requested must be made 65 days prior to the AGM
- approved by ERC- we now wait for finance committee

Committee will draft something for the consultation with candidates.

Should review the content with the change of the constitution coming up.

ERC Decision to accept the change to resolution - Unanimous