

Minutes of
Elections Committee Meeting

May 16, 2006
Noon
National Office

Present: Michael Dewing, Riley Brockington, Nick Giannakoulis, Zhiyong Hong, Salma Jaroudi, Janson LaBond, Bev Miller (teleconference), Robert Palinic, Seth Sazant, Donna Martin, Anita Bangiricenge (Staff)

Regrets: David Aubry, Ross Holden, H  l  ne Gagnon, Jason Jacques, Larry Deters.

The meeting started at 12:00.

All members introduced themselves and D. Martin advised the Committee that Anita Bangiricenge would be the secretary for the Committee this year.

D. Martin welcomed and thanked everyone for expressing their interest to serve on the Committee. She mentioned that the first order of business was to select a Chair. She mentioned that M. Dewing has experience with the Elections Committee as a member for the past few years and was the Co-Chair last year.

1. Selection of Chair

It was moved by J. LaBond, seconded by R. Palinic, that M. Dewing be selected as the Chair for the Committee. **Carried unanimously.**

M. Dewing accepted the nomination.

2. Approval of the Call for nominations and resolutions documents

- M. Dewing proposed to add the text from clause 26.6 that states “the Constitution shall only be amended by a 2/3 majority of votes cast” as the last sentence on page 3
- R. Brockington proposed that the Memo should state it is from the “National Elections Committee” and to add a subject line of “Official Call for Nominations and Resolutions”.
- The Committee suggested to provide each candidate with campaigning information regarding procedures relating to laws pertaining to Elections. D. Martin agrees to prepare a document for review for the next meeting in September.

D. Martin explained that the documents are to be mailed to the membership no later than June 1, therefore, the amendments could be made accordingly and the Committee does not need to meet again to approve the corrections.

3. Question and Answer session

Question 1 – Does the Association have an Election Code?

No there is currently no Election Code. It was suggested that this would be beneficial for the candidates and that there should be one for the next election if we could not have one prepared for this election year. D. Martin volunteered to draft some guidelines for the next meeting.

Question 2 – Does the Elections Committee have its own budget?

D. Martin explained that they do not but the Elections Committee can ask for its own budget if they judge it necessary. Meanwhile all the expenses are covered by CAPE in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Question 3 – Do candidates pay for the cost of mailing out additional campaign material?

D. Martin explained that the Association covers the expense and that it would be a separate mailing from the voting package.

Question 4 – How does the Committee approve urgent matters?

D. Martin advised the Committee that nominations and resolutions had to be returned for September 1, the Committee must approve the candidate's eligibility no later than September 15, 2006 and that they must organize a debate in October.

Question 5 – Can the candidates use the membership list for their campaign?

D. Martin explained that the Association does not provide candidates with the membership in accordance with Clause 25.2 of the Constitution which reads "The register shall be confidential to the Association".

4. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at noon.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.