



Minutes

The 248th Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference.

Present: G. Comrie, P.Eng., President and Chair
P. J. Quinn, P.Eng., Vice-President (elected)
M. Spink, P.Eng.
J. Simmons, EveryOne Counts

Staff: G. McDonald, P.Eng., Registrar
S. W. Clark, LL.B
R. Martin
D. Power

Regrets: D. Brown, P.Eng., Vice-President (appointed)
T. Chong, P.Eng., Past President
B. Dony, P.Eng., President-elect
C. Sadr, P.Eng.

CALL TO ORDER

Notice having been given and a quorum being present, President Comrie, acting as Chair called the meeting to order. He advised that J. Simmons was on the call representing EveryOne Counts, PEO's Official Elections Agent. He further advised that D. Brown, T. Chong and C. Sadr had recused themselves from the teleconference call in order to preclude any potential argument of bias due to conflict of interest since they were all candidates in the 2017 Council elections.

14-94 2017 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As a result of a credentialing distribution error by the Official Elections Agent, the voting site closed for periods over two days. In order to be fair to voters, Registrar McDonald and President Comrie proposed that the voting period be extended.

Executive Committee members were provided with an Incident Report dated February 22, 2017 from EveryOne Counts which provided a summary of the incident, event details, issue resolution and further action. J. Simmons provided an overview and responded to questions.

Responding to a query regarding the involvement of the Chief Elections Officer and the Central Election and Search Committee (CESC) in this matter Registrar McDonald advised that the CESC is not responsible for the election. The main role of this committee is to find candidates and to improve the election process. A. Elliot, the Chief Elections Officer, has been involved, participating in teleconferences calls and the deliberations to resolve the issue. He

further advised that EveryOne Counts did not take action without prior consultation with PEO. A number of options were considered, including the cancellation of the election.

President Comrie noted that those involved in the election realized from the onset that the credibility of the election was in jeopardy in the minds of many people and worked with EveryOne Counts to appoint a forensic auditor to review the process and recovery steps. This will include the identification of any anomalies. The cost of the forensic auditor will be borne by EveryOne Counts. This will result in the delay of the election results by three weeks.

Vice-President Quinn took over the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Spink, seconded by President Comrie:

That the closing date of PEO's 2017 Council elections be extended to February 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

CARRIED

An eBlast will be sent to all members advising that the voting period has been extended.

President Comrie resumed the role of Chair.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

These minutes consist of minutes 14-94 and two pages.

G. Comrie, P.Eng., President and Chair

G. McDonald, P.Eng., Registrar