

*Title of Submission:* **Central Election and Search Committee (CESC)  
Restructure**

*Please briefly describe the issue, problem, risk or gap that this submission addresses:*

It is generally accepted that officials running an Election (e.g.: Elections Canada) must remain neutral during the election period with respect to all candidates and show no favouritism to any of them.

It is important that election officials (specifically the Central Election and Search Committee, CESC) have no affiliation with existing members of Council that could potentially create a bias towards supporting sitting members.

Present CESC structures and procedures do not comply with the above.

*Please summarize the action that you are requesting from Council and how it will address the issue, problem, risk or gap stated above.*

**Be it resolved that,**

**1. No member of the CESC shall be a member of the existing Council, and,**

**2. No member of the CESC shall be permitted to be a candidate in the year of their term on CESC, and,**

**3. This and future PEO AGMs be authorized to choose by election at the AGM (Including virtual voters) 3 members to sit for a period of 3 years as members of the CESC, and**

**4. Council move at its earliest opportunity, but no later than 12 months, to have these changes to the CESC incorporated into the PEO Regulation, Section 12 of O. Reg. 941, to make these changes permanent.**

*Please cite and briefly summarize any research that supports the proposed action.*

Previous and current observation of CESC operation by former PEO Presidents and former Councilors over several elections. See: Election Reform Task Forces *circa* 1997 and 2002.

*As applicable please describe how the proposed action will contribute to serving and protecting the public interest as it pertains to the regulation of professional engineering and the engineering profession.*

The proposed actions will ensure the strict neutrality of the CESC, avoid any charges of favoritism and remove the possibility of bias for or against any candidate. PEO members and candidates will be assured of a completely fair election. This also facilitates creative and innovative thinking by avoiding “group think” behavior.

*Please identify any legal considerations (eg., the need for changes to the statute, regulation, by-laws etc.) that may affect Council’s ability to implement the proposed action.*

The proposals simply need to be incorporated into the PEO Regulation, Section 12 of O. Reg. 941.

*Please identify any considerations that are relevant to the timing (or urgency) of the proposed action.*

The actions proposed are overdue. It is opportune to do them now, preferably before the next PEO election.

*Please provide any other information that you feel will assist members of the AGM and Council in understanding your submission, in particular your proposed action.*

None required. The proposals are simple and explicit.

*Please list any attachments to this document.*

None.

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