

**Summary of Discussions  
2008 Elections and Resolutions Committee Meeting**

**October 1, 2008  
Noon  
National Office**

**Present:** M. Dewing, Chair, L. Deters (Teleconference), J. Finley,  
J. LeBlanc, (Teleconference), D. Martin and A. Bangiricenge (Staff)

The meeting started at 12:15.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was amended by adding 9) Letter from candidates.

The agenda was approved as amended.

**Summary of Discussion – September 4, 2008**

It was noted that 3.3 should read ....will be approved ‘**in the original format**’ and in black and white.

The previous minutes were approved as amended.

**Review of legal opinion**

The Committee reviewed the legal opinion regarding text in a candidate's biography.

**Action:** M. Dewing will prepare a memo advising the candidate to clarify or remove some statements as per the legal opinion.

### **Review of other biographies**

It was agreed to interpret By-Law 3.6 literally stating that “two pages of text” will be permitted and not to permit any type of graphics, including photographs, text boxes or flow charts on any biographies. A memo will be sent to the candidates requesting them to remove the graphics from their biographies.

In accordance with By-Law 3.7, all candidates will be allowed 5 working days to review the translations and make any modifications, if required.

### **Response to J. Ouellette**

J. Ouellette submitted a letter that he sent to the National Executive Committee regarding matters that can be discussed during the election period.

The Elections and Resolutions Committee reviewed the legal opinion on this matter.

M. Dewing will respond on behalf of the Committee to Mr. Ouellette.

### **CAPE Election guidelines for candidates**

The committee reviewed the election guidelines and decided not to amend or distribute them to the candidates at the consultation meeting. The Committee decided to prepare an electoral calendar for the candidates.

### **Meeting with candidates**

In accordance with By-Law 3.8, a consultation meeting with candidates will be held on October 20, 2008 at noon in the National Office.

### **Legal Disclaimer**

M. Dewing mentioned that in the past the Elections Committee had a legal disclaimer on the cover pages of the biographies stating that the Elections Committee was not responsible for the accuracy of information on candidate's documents, their websites, or any electronic communications in regards to their campaigning.

It was **agreed** to have a legal disclaimer added to the cover pages of the biographies.

### **Letter from candidates**

It was agreed that M. Dewing will respond to two letters from candidates on behalf of the committee.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.