



**Elections and Resolutions committee
Wednesday April 6, 2022
NOON EDT
Via Teams Meeting**

MINUTES

In Attendance: Mauricio Olivares, (Chair), Ashifa Jiwa, Desmond Fisher & Andrew Dzuba.

Staff: Jean Ouellette (Executive Director) & Patricia Kumbakisaka (Administrative Assistant/Committee Secretary)

Apologies: Carolina Bonilla & Hogli Wang

Call to Order / Roundtable introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Mauricio

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to adopt Agenda -Approved by all.

ERC Chair membership:

- Last time the committee discussed about bringing new people and put their names in the position of chair.
- Mauricio is happy to continue as chair or let someone else also step in as chair since there are 3 members and have now 11 people that want to join the ERC.
- Mauricio suggested we postponed that chair election for tonight and give a chance to any of the new members interested to be part of the ERC committee a chance to throw in their names for chair. Mauricio is equally happy to support whoever wants to step in as chair or also be a support to whoever wants to take that position.

Committee size suggestion

- Mauricio suggested since we have 11 people interested, we may give opportunity have extremely engaged members.
- We have a diverse applicant (women, French speakers, racialized groups)
- Mauricio proposed we have an interim session for all those 11 candidates and explain to them what exactly ERC committee does and confirm who wants to stay.
- Mauricio said on the May meeting we do the election of the chair, and we finalize the committee and perhaps we could tie it up with the training with the lawyer.

Training

- Jean stated the training will be in May
- NEC will be appointing committee members at the last Friday of this month to report back to the NEC by the 22nd we have to provide Julie with the names to provide to the NEC.

Question raised:



- Ashifa: is that appointment members by the ERC recommendation or do we look at folks raised their hands to volunteer and recommend to them for their appointment? Or do they review the candidates all by themselves?
- Jean answered – we don't have a formal procedure for this. This year Jean drafted a message to all chairs to ask them to consult with the committee if they have new members and if they were ok with the size and provide the answer by Friday of this week and we can send another call out next week to those committees that need additional members. All those results will be provided to the NEC on April 29.
- Jean also mentioned Andrew and Ashifa can make a recommendation to Mauricio and he can say by Friday to Patricia and Julie the members they recommend.

Other items suggested:

- Mauricio suggested reminders for members to participate and show up at meeting. If they miss numerous meetings with no apology, we should consider they have stepped down.
- Recommend 7 members to the committee.

NEC request for feedback

- NEC sent Jean and Julie a format to respond back with the composition of the committee and how many people will be on it. We are putting forward 7 and we are in process putting forward.
- Mauricio will send to Ashifa and Andrew the list of the members.

Next Steps

- Send call out no later than June 1st
- Mauricio to email member(s) who are not participating enough to check if they want to still stay on the committee or not.
- Mauricio will share the list with Ashifa and Andrew to go over the ERC new potential member list.

Next meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled on May 4, 2022 at NOON EDT

ERC committee meeting adjourned at around 12:47 PM. EDT.
