

Society Special Board Meeting Report

At the special meeting of the Board of Directors on April 28, 2017 the following decisions and reports were made:

Executive Committee Composition Policy

J. Hack shared there has been some feedback regarding the proposed bylaw change from certain PEO councillors. These councillors have indicated their opposition to the motion if associate members are eligible to sit on the Executive committee. Therefore, a new policy is being proposed to ensure members of the Executive committee are Professional members. K. Chan emphasized there will be opposition at the AGM and the Board needs to be prepared.

M. Jelavic questioned the legality of limiting the Executive Committee composition. The Board shared concerned over creating two levels of directors. OSPE staff will consult Harp for legal advice.

S. Tessier shared a concern regarding the number of associate members being too high. If there are 5 associates and 7 professional members, and 5 of the 7 professionals must be on the Executive – that severely limits the potential candidates for the positions. H. Wojcinski also raised the general concern expressed by councillors of having up to 5 associate members on the board. S. Perruzza doesn't expect more than 1 or 2 associate members on the Board in the next 5 years. S. Perruzza emphasized that 85% of members are professional members, and it is the membership who votes for the Board members. Therefore, if professional members want a professional Board, they are able to vote for that.

D. Thomson confirmed V. Mueller had consulted with legal, and this policy can be in place as a policy and is not required to be included in the bylaws to be voted on by members. As a policy, it can be revisited by the Board at any time.

The Vice Chair, J. Hack, asked if there were any additional concerns, there were none. Jonathan Hack on behalf of the Chair called for the vote.