

Guideline for Chapters on inviting PEO Council Nominees to Chapter Events during the Election Period

Approved by the Regional Councillors Committee (RCC) at its November 5, 2016 meeting.

Background

This guideline stems from former West Central Open Issue 29:

WCRC wants RCC to review the invitation and attendance policy of Chapter AGM and Meetings where a senior regional Councillor is seeking re-election, and where a senior regional Councillor is seeking election to other council positions.

There is concern that the recently approved "[Guidelines on invitations to chapter events](#)" did not address the original intent of this issue.

Purpose

To clarify for chapters, prior to the 2017-2018 Council election period, whether election candidates should be allowed to formally promote their platforms or campaign at chapter events.

Protocol

Your Senior Regional Councillor should continue to be invited to attend chapter events during the election period, regardless of whether she/he is seeking re-election to Council in any position, **to fulfill her/his current duties as a Regional Councillor**.

However, if your Senior Regional Councillor is seeking re-election to Council, in any position, and would like to speak specifically on, or promote her/his platforms at a chapter event, the chapter should follow these steps before giving permission:

- Chapters should **allow candidates or their designate to speak** at events as a good governance practice, where:
- If a chapter would like to have election candidates formally speak about their election platforms or campaign at chapter events, that **all candidates running for the same position be invited to formally speak at the same event**. For instance, if three candidates are running for President-elect, invite all three to speak; if two candidates are running for Regional Councillor, invite both to speak.

- If a chapter has invited **all** candidates running for the **same position** to formally speak about their platforms or campaign at the **same chapter event, and all have accepted the invitation to speak, allow them the same duration of speaking time.**
- If a chapter has invited **all** candidates running for the **same position** to formally speak about their platforms or campaign at the **same chapter event**, and only one or some, but not all, candidate(s) accepted the invitation, allow the candidate(s) who accepted to formally speak for a specified (and same duration if more than one candidate attends) duration of time.
- The chapter **does not reimburse** the election candidates for any costs associated with attending the chapter's event.