



# **40th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students**

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January 5-6, 2008



## **Agenda**

1. Opening of the assembly/Call to order
2. Call for Quorum
3. Election of the plenary chair, CRO and secretaries
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Adoption of the PM 2007 Minutes
6. Adoption of the Congress 2007 minutes
7. Receipt of the Interim Report
8. Membership proceedings
9. Amendments to CFES structure, Constitution and policy manual
10. Hearing of Proposals
11. Hearing of Counter proposals
12. Elections/ratifications
13. Voting
14. Closing of the assembly/Adjournment

**Chair: Explanation of the rules**  
**Session opens at 9:26 MST**



## 1. Opening of the assembly/Call to order

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The chair calls the assembly to order at 9:26am MST

## 2. Call for quorum

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The number of voting members present is 37 out of 46

## 3. Election of plenary chair and secretaries

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	Proposal <b>40-CFES-1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Election of the plenary chair
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	Français

<b>Goal:</b>
To elect those individuals that will lead the plenary.

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
Ayaz Kassam be elected as plenary chair.

<b>Result: Passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>



Proposal  
**40-CFES-2**

**Title:** Election of secretaries  
**Mover:** National Executive  
**Language :** Français

**Goal:**

To establish who will be the individuals taking the minutes for Congress plenary 2008.

**Where as:**

**Be it resolved that:**

Frederick Gagne and Malena Bastien Masse (French) as well as Ruiqing Peng and Connor Langford (English) be elected as secretaries for the plenary session.

**Result: Passed**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

Sherbrooke: Do you want to add another French secretary.

*Amendment: addition of Malena (French)*



## 4. Adoption of the agenda

	Proposal
	<b>40-CFES-3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Agenda
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	Francais

<b>Goal:</b>
To establish the order of proceedings for Congress 2008 plenary.

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
The agenda be adopted as circulated.

<b>Result: Passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

*Amendment made: #9 elections/ratification moved after hearing of proposals and counter proposals*



## 5. Adoption of PM 2007 minutes

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	Proposal <b>40-CFES-4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Adoption of PM 2007 minutes
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	French

<b>Goal:</b>
To provide the members with documents that inform them of the discussions on the previous plenary motions.

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
The membership adopt the minutes of President's Meeting 2007 as detailed in the document "1 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly at President's Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students".

<b>Result:</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>



## 6. Adoption of Congress 2007 minutes

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	Proposal <b>40-CFES-5</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Adoption of Congress 2007 minutes
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language:</b>	French

<b>Goal:</b>
To provide the members with documents that inform them of the discussions on the previous plenary motions.

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
The membership adopt the minutes of Congress 2007 as detailed in the document "39 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students".

<b>Result:</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>



## 7. Receipt of the Interim Report

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	Proposal <b>40-CFES-6</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Interim report
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	Français

<b>Goal:</b>
To adopt the 2007-2008 CFES Interim Report.

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
The Interim Report of Canadian Federation of Engineering Students be received as distributed.

<b>Result:</b>	
<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain :</b>	<b>0</b>



# Membership proceedings

## Proposal **40-CFES-7**

**Title :** Regular Membership  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

### **Goal :**

To confer regular membership status to members who have not paid CFES fees.

### **Whereas :**

The deadline for payment of CFES fees was November 30th,  
Invoices for all members have been sent out,

### **BIRT :**

The following schools have regular membership status confirmed to them in the event that they fail to submit payment for their fees by January 30, 2008:

- Université du Québec a Trois Rivières
- Université du Québec a Chicoutimi
- Université du Québec a Rimouski
- Acadia University
- University of Prince Edward Island
- St. Mary's University

### **Result :**

**For :** 37  
**Against :** 0  
**Abstention :** 0

Poly: The proposal was not translated in French, I think that was a mistake, What does it mean to put them into regular status, that they will not get services  
New Brunswick: How do they get back into active status  
National exec: Paying the next year allows them to be in regular status  
Moncton: If they pay before PM can they go to that?  
National Exec: We'd have to see  
Waterloo: If they do not pay they get regular, shouldn't it be not member?  
Chair: Regular is not what you want.



## 8. Elections and ratifications

	Proposal <b>40-CFES-8</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Vote tallies
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

<b>Goal:</b>
To increase interest in the election as well as understand the level of membership support for elected individuals.

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
The number of votes for each officer candidate and event bidder be noted at the end of the election.

<b>Result:</b>	
<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain :</b>	<b>0</b>

National Exec: Ask Ayaz.

Ayaz: This is done every year.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-9**

**Title:** Board of Directors for 2008-2009  
**Mover:** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal:**

To ratify the CFES BOD for 2008-2009.

**Where as:**

**Be it resolved that:**

The CFES Board of Directors for 2008-2009 be :  
(For/Against/Abstain)

<u>Kyle Ruttan</u>	<i>President</i>
<u>David Cataford</u>	<i>V.P. Finance &amp; Administration</i>
<u>Julia Coleman</u>	<i>Atlantic Ambassador</i>
<u>Simon Desrosiers</u>	<i>Québec Ambassador</i>
<u>Jonathan Hordo</u>	<i>Ontario Ambassador</i>
<u>William Fraser</u>	<i>West Ambassador</i>
<u>Cindy Coleman</u>	<i>Congress Activity Manager</i>
<u>Chris Doley</u>	<i>CEC Activity Manager</i>
<u>Shaunvir Sidhu</u>	<i>ProMag General Manager</i>
<u>Chris Reid</u>	<i>National Councilor</i>
<u>Derek Gélinas</u>	<i>National Councilor</i>

**Result:**

**For :** 37  
**Against :** 0  
**Abstain :** 0

National Exec: Yaaaay.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-10**

**Title:** Vice-Presidents 2008-2009  
**Mover:** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal:**

To ratify the Vice-Presidents for 2008-2009.

**Where as:**

**Be it resolved that:**

The following Vice-Presidents be ratified for 2008-2009:

<u>Evan Singer</u>	<u>VP Services &amp; Development</u>
Eamon McDermott	VP Communications

**Result:**

**For :** 37  
**Against :** 0  
**Abstain :** 0

Ayaz: Need to do this as these two VPs are not on the Board of Directors.



## Proposal

### **40-CFES-11**

<b>Title:</b>	Commissioners 2008-2009
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

**Goal:**

To ratify CFES Commissioners for 2008-2009.

**Where as:**

**Be it resolved that:**

The following commissioners be ratified for 2008-2009:

-	<i>Official Languages</i>
Mark Hlady	<i>Social Issues</i>
Justin Bertagnolli	<i>International Relations</i>
Rob Stalker	<i>National Capital Liaison</i>
Jonathan Pietrobon	<i>Information Technology</i>
Caitie Rosen	<i>Charity</i>
-	<i>Academic</i>
Joël Mertens	<i>Complementary Education</i>

**Result:**

<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain :</b>	<b>0</b>

National Exec: Thanks to everyone who applied!



## Proposal

### **40-CFES-12**

<b>Title:</b>	Event Hosts
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

#### **Goal:**

To ratify who will host CFES events in the coming years.

#### **Where as:**

#### **Be it resolved that:**

The following CFES activities be hosted by the following members:

<u>McMaster University</u>	<u>CFES Congress 2010</u>
<u>University of Toronto</u>	<u>CEC 2010</u>
<u>Université de Sherbrooke</u>	<u>PM 2008</u>

#### **Result:**

For :	<b>37</b>
Against :	<b>0</b>
Abstain :	<b>0</b>

National Exec: Nothing. Move to recess for a half hour.

**Recess called at 11:32am on Sunday.**

**Reconvene at 12:14pm on Sunday**



## 9. Amendments to CFES Structure, Constitution and Policy Manual

Proposal  
**40-CFES-13**

**Title :** Acceptance of the Policy Manual  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal:**

To accept the updated version of the Policy Manual as drafted by the CFES VPFA and accepted by the BOD of the CFES

**Whereas:**

- Many changes have been made to the policy manual in the last year;
- The CFES VPFA has gone through the changes that have been made to this document;
- A document was circulated in the CFES member mailboxes that enumerates these changes;
- The CFES BOD has ratified these changes;
- To be considered a governing document, it must be passed by the Member's assembly.

**Be it resolved :**

That the updated English Policy Manual be accepted as the operational document of the CFES.

**Result :**

**For :**

**37**

**Against :**

**0**

**Abstain :**

**0**

National exec: I think this is very self explanatory, I would like to thank everyone who helped.

UBC: When was the first time this document was circulated among the members?

National Exec: Head Delegates meeting



Proposal  
**40-CFES-14**

**Title :** Acceptance of revised Constitution  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To pass the revised CFES Constitution.

**Whereas :**

- Many changes have been made to the constitution in the last year;
- The CFES VPFA has gone through the changes that have been made to this document;
- A document was circulated in the CFES member mailboxes that enumerates these changes;
- The CFES BOD has ratified these changes;
- To be considered a governing document, it must be passed by the Member's assembly.

**Be it resolved :**

That the updated Constitution be accepted as the operational document of the CFES.

**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>

National Exec: Again similar to policy manual this was released during the head delegates meeting.

Polytechnique: Just one point, we noticed between work shop and general meeting, one of the committees of the CEC regulations, does that mean that the general assembly cannot change?

Ayaz: It would need to change by 4/5 because nothing is higher than general assembly.



## 10. Hearing of Proposals

	<b>Proposal</b> <b>40-CFES-15</b>
<b>Title :</b>	International Engineering Competition Cooperation Plan 2008-2010
<b>Mover :</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

**Goal :**  
To ratify a cooperation plan between BEST, bonding, and the CFES that expands upon the area of cooperation specific to the International Engineering Competition

- Whereas :**
- CFES currently has cooperation plans with BEST and bonding
  - These cooperation plans need to be expanded upon to help further stimulate the development of the International Engineering Competition

**BIRT :**  
The International Engineering Competition Cooperation Plan 2008-2010 be adopted as circulated.

<b>Result :</b>	
<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstention :</b>	<b>0</b>

National Exec: Joel has run sessions all week about this. It was marked as a head delegate session. This will simply allow our official partners invited to CEC to observe or compete in a friendly non competitive manner. Moved out of the organization agreements and into this  
Polytechnique: ???????? (where was this available)  
National Exec: It was available on the google group.  
Sherbrooke: I believe this included an invitation to the regional competitions, was this removed  
National Exec: Yes it was removed  
Queens: When was it on the group?  
National Exec: Earlier this week

### Reconvene 10:25am on Sunday

NE: Pass speaking rights to Joel.  
Joel: Expands upon co-op plan with BEST and bonding with respect to IEC. Main addition is the section that we will send CFES members to BEST and bonding competitions and visa versa.



Poly: Registration fees for CFES members were waived.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-16**

**Title :** Memorandum of Understanding between BEST, bonding, and CFES  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ratify a Memorandum of Understanding between BEST, bonding, and CFES so as to help facilitate the development of the International Engineering Competition.

**Whereas :**

- The International Engineering Competition is the largest and most exciting international undertaking to date between the CFES and its partners
- It is necessary to set out guidelines for the cooperation on the development of the International Engineering Competition

**BIRT :**

The IEC Memorandum of Understanding be adopted as circulated.

**Result :**

**For :** 37  
**Against :** 0  
**Abstention :** 0

National exec: The difference between the memorandum and the cooperation plan is that the memorandum is more about the details of how it will happen, If we have to come back to the GA it will be too long and not a success.

Sherbrooke: That is the document that English is the sole language correct?

Joel: I was printing off the memorandum. It does not say the competition will be in English, it was only an outcome from a meeting earlier, it is not written that IEC will be taking place in English.

**Coming back at 5 pm**

NE: We need to give this team the flexibility to accomplish it.

**5 minute recess**

**Reconvene at 5:13**

NE: To Joel.



Joel: The IEC Memorandum of Understanding. The IEC project is very large and our timeline is very tight, to ensure that it can be 2010, we need to be able to make decisions without plenary. It says that we are confident in all the people and that they can make decision on our behalf. Of course they will be accountable and let us know what they are doing. This allows IEC to make decisions without the every 6 months. If not we will have to wait at least 2 more years.

Western: I was just wondering who the IEC responsables are.

Joel: Josee from Polytechnique and Bernard from ETS. Bernard knows the structure of the CFES and Josee knows competitions very well.

NE: Motion to recess until 9:30 am Jan. 6 2008.

**RECESS until 9:30am Jan. 6 2008**



Proposal  
**40-CFES-17**

**Title :** Financial Audit  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To change the company which is currently responsible for auditing the CFES finances for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 fiscal years.

**Whereas :**

- The company 'Comptavision' was asked to complete a « Notice to Reader » of the CFES financial books at Congress 2007
- Given the difficulties experienced while working with this company over the past year

**BIRT :**

Wagler & Seebach be given permission to complete an audit for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 CFES financial statements.

**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstention :</b>	<b>0</b>

National Exec: Recess to after VPSD Speeches

**Recess at 10am**

**Reconvene at 12:30pm (Laval is currently absent)**

Queens: IEC cooperation plan was not on google groups. Best bonding cooperation agreements were not on there. Move to table until read. (thumbs up)

Ayaz: You can read it over lunch!

Poly: provided we have the documents

**Laval has arrived.**

***Back to 40-CFES-17***

National Exec.: There has been numerous difficulty with comptavision. Wagler and Seebach is local and they are reasonable. It will not be possible for Comptavision to complete one this year.

Toronto: How long we have used Comptavision? Changing auditors can be expensive and time consuming. How long with Comptavision and the impact?



National Exec.: Information is sketchy as with the history of the auditors. At most two years with comptavision under Bernard. We need to be comfortable that the company will complete it by the end of term.

Sherbrooke: I remember Bernard that this would be the first year that the CFES would be audited.

Shouldn't it say that Comptavision should have whereas?

Ayaz: No, whereas does not carry over

Toronto: only other concern, Comptavision is in Montréal, we are moving it to kitchener, concern is we are moving from national center, will we set us up for this again in the future?

National Exec.: Issue is not distance but lack of communications. Have not received response for over 4 months. I wanted to recommend an auditor that I was comfortable with within a good cost. In the year following, any member of the BOD can sit down with them. There are people based in Ontario that can carry it out.

UBC: do you have personal experience with the auditing company?

National Exec.: They have provided excellent service to companies in the local community and have experience with organizations larger than CFES. They also have good communications.

Western: we mandated VPFA to do an audit, we should trust the VPFA

Waterloo A: Kitchener is accessible



Proposal  
**40-CFES-18**

**Title :** Regional Agreements  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To develop a standard regional agreement for each regional student society and the CFES.

**Whereas :**

- CREIQ expressed an interest in developing a regional agreement with the CFES in the summer of 2007
- Both CREIQ and ESSCO have developed potential regional agreements over the past few months that have been reviewed by the CFES
- All regional societies have had the opportunity to comment on these agreements

**BIRT :**

The regional agreement document, entitled 'CFES Regional Agreements,' be signed by the CFES and presented for ratification to the regional societies to solidify our relationship with them.

**Result :**

**For :** 37  
**Against :** 0  
**Abstention :** 0

Toronto: it was brought up that some would not want to ratify the agreement. How would that impact the agreement on our side?

National Exec.: If one did not ratify it, they would not be present in a formal arrangement with that one organization. Invitations would not be official.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-CP-19**

<b>Title :</b>	National Conference on Women in Engineering (NCWIE) Investigation
<b>Mover :</b>	Queen's
<b>Secunder :</b>	Sherbrooke
<b>Language :</b>	English

**Goal :**

To investigate acquiring NCWIE in a responsible manner while remaining transparent and accountable to the members

**Whereas :**

- Queen's has hosted NCWIE for 17 years
- Western will host the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual NCWIE conference
- In order to be a truly national conference the CFES should facilitate a host for each year's conference
- Queen's has provided all requested material and written a report based on questions brought forward at CFES PM 2007

**BIRT :**

In the investigation of the feasibility of acquiring this conference, the Social Issues Commissioner, in conjunction with Queen's University and the University of Western Ontario, compile transition materials for the NCWIE and act as the CFES Liaison for the 2008 NCWIE conference

**BIFRT :**

The Social Issues Commissioner prepare a preliminary report by August 1<sup>st</sup> outlining the feasibility of acquiring NCWIE

**BIFRT :**

The CFES Board of Directors review this document and adopt a preliminary recommendation by CFES PM 2008

**BIFRT :**

The preliminary report be made available to the members two weeks prior to CFES PM 2008

**BIFRT :**

Recommendations be presented at CFES PM 2008 and a motion seeking member support be presented

**BIFRT :**

The CFES Board of Directors, given a positive outcome of the motion of member support, develop appropriate motions to be presented at Congress 2009 to acquire NCWIE.



**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Abstention :</b>	<b>3</b>

Queen's: Jon Hordo is the incoming Ontario Ambassador and such declares conflict of interest.

Queen's (Charlie): Friendly amendment proposed to remove the line that the CFES will coordinate bidding at Congress 2009 as Queen's and Western will be doing this.

Sherbrooke: For those who were at PM, what made me upset was that there was no timeline established so that is why we are supporting this since Queen's made concessions.

National Exec: NE doesn't think this motion causes any problems. This is the timeline we would have followed anyways. We will do what we can to carry this out in full, however it is concerning that this is felt to be necessary. Members should put faith in the National Exec.

Queen's (Charlie): To explain, NCWIE is still in our policy manual and therefore is ours until CFES takes it on. We are not going to let CFES to bidding at 2009 as a result. We will coordinate bidding to ensure that the bid does happen in 2009. The reason why we did this was because this is the original agreement we had with the BOD. We want to make sure that we can check on the progress.

Sherbrooke: The proposal is a step forward in the history of the Federation and anything that surrounds accepting this conference need to be defined very clearly. This is important.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-19**

**Title :** National Conference on Women in Engineering (NCWIE) Investigation  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To investigate acquiring NCWIE in a responsible, accountable manner

**Whereas :**

- Queen's University would like the CFES to acquire the annually run NCWIE

**BIRT :**

In the investigation of the feasibility of acquiring this conference, the Social Issues Commissioner compile transition materials for the NCWIE and act as the CFES Liaison for the 2008 NCWIE conference

**Result :**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**

National Exec: There has been four months to potentially acquire this whole new service. There are a lot of unresolved issues related to this. What are the definitions of events? We feel strongly that we should pursue but in a manner that all outcomes have been considered. We would like the social issues comm. To work on this project. Timeline would be a report at PM followed by a preliminary motion of support. Following PM there would be a Board meeting where all the necessary files be written and provided. Also CFES to observe the NCWIE conference. Then at Congress, bids and voting would happen for the conference 2009, if the appropriate changes pass, then the organizers could be ratified and it would be a CFES Event. In the event that it was not ratified, then there would still be a host. It's purposely vague so that we do not lock the social issues comm. Due to the new and complicated nature of the task.

Queens: we are excited for the CFES to have the opportunity of NCWIE. No matter what counter-proposal or proposal happens, we are happy. But we cannot support this motion due to the lack of specific timelines, we want to work with the Exec. Presentations, visits were made. All of our recommendations are to the best interest of this conference, in our minds the exec. Has not given support. Communication lines have been broken. What constituted an Event? "**CFES constitution**



**quote on promoting communications between members.**” From the quote it is clear to me that this conference falls into the bounds as defined in the constitution. We can still not support this motion as if it does, this would not work. Many of us will not be here next year. We do not want to see this initiative die here and I strongly urge you to make this a CFES event now and here.

National Exec.: We did not say we did not support it, We need to investigate deeper, jumping in the deep end so soon will be rash. We could make a report to be presented to the Congress. Since Mentorship was deemed null NCWIE could be the new initiative for social issues.

Incoming VPSD: Last night I shared Queens sentiment but after sitting down with Kyle, there is a good reason for not going into fully now, I disagree about the timeline though. I would say this is my #1 priority next year and that you have faith.

Toronto: I do understand the national exec. Position. I see that the conference being picked up by the CFES seeing a lot of small details but the big detail is bilingualism. I strongly urge a French school to propose a guiding mandate on how bilingualism will be dealt with.

National Exec.: We have been dealing and talking about communication all week. It seems that some schools only want to talk through mandates. I think that it is not appropriate as a motion but talk to the VPSD incoming. About a timeline, this hit the floor at PM as a floor motion, I think that asking the CFES to jump in is unfair. There has been too little time to investigate the issues, asking that amount of policy to be developed between PM and Congress is too rash. The BOD integrating such a large conference in three months was too little time. I appreciate the NCWIE rep. It feels really rushed. I think that faith and trust should be put in place for the CFES to get this done. I think that putting down specific times and dates would hamper this.

Wat B: How does it sound to have a presentation at PM in Sept, have a discussion, including the experiences at NCWIE 08, and that would help us decide.

Ecole Poly: The will be a conference next year, so there is no urgency right now. There is a simple reason why we can't do this now, because we haven't followed a process to pick who will do the conference this year. Bilingualism will be something that we will talk about later and with the new VPSD. Trust our board right now, because they know better, and let them do their work.

Sherbrook: I agree with Poly, in taking the Soft Route in speaking to my friend the VPSD about this issue.

Inc. VPSD: As a student from Quebec, for this to be a truly national conference it would have to be completely bilingual, and I would like to be in contact with everyone involved about this. Wat B said it well in regards to timelines. Having a report brought forward is the best way to go.

Wat A: I would like to say that I like what I'm hearing from both sides. I could see why they would want a timeline, I understand both sides. A committee should be made, but I was just wondering what would happen if the vote did not pass next year.

Alberta: I was under the impression that each school could only be on once.

Ayaz: Discussion keeps going and preference is given to schools that have not spoken.

Queens: Charlie: The conference still is under our policy/constitution, we would still be the one doing the bid proposal as CFES has no jurisdiction.

Queens: with regards to the bidding concerns, just some clarification of the concerns, we sent out a requirement based on bids for Ontario conference and CFES. (to poly)

Poly: I'm going to go with two points here, first of all CFES has to choose the school for the conference, with respect to Western who took it under not as a CFES event, we cannot change that in the middle.



Queens: We do not want to change the mandates and proposal on Western, What we are looking for is that after western the conference will be under the CFES and that the changes will be made.

Poly: we should move on now.

Ayaz: I concur.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-20**

**Title :** Competitions Database  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To develop a central national repository for past competition examples.

**Whereas :**

- Members have expressed interest multiple times in this happening.

**BIRT :**

A competitions database be developed and maintained.

**BIFRT:**

An allocation of \$350 per year be included in the CFES budget to support this initiative.

**Result :**

**For : 36**

**Against : 1**

**Abstention : 0**

**RECESS UNTIL 2:30 for LUNCH @ 1:21pm**

**Reconvene at 2:49 pm**

Sherbrooke: Is it Bilingual?

National Exec.: This is just a demo, it will be bilingual, this will pose difficulties but we will work with incoming VP comms. There will be a lot of French schools interested. This is very easy to operate and it will be very useful.

Sherbrooke: Is the actual application bilingual.

National Exec.: I don't know right now but I will search right now.



Poly: Why do we need a resolution at the general assembly for this.

National Exec. I assumed that you would like to see it, I'm VERY PROUD! And yes it can be bilingual.

Dal Sexton: Is there any initiative to put all events in the database?

National Exec. That is the goal of this thing, the problem is tracking back organizers. Steph is a repository of CEC knowledge and very helpful. Running different competitions, please keep in mind the database and keep submitting!



Proposal  
**40-CFES-21**

**Title :** **NCDEAS CE Course Presentation**  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To involve the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science with the Complementary Education Courses

**Whereas :**

**BIRT :**

The CE Commissioner explore possibilities with National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science to support the CE program and encourage its success.

**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	37
<b>Against :</b>	0
<b>Abstention :</b>	0

National Exec. We are in strong support of the CE program and we hope to gain the support of the national council of deans



Proposal  
**40-CFES-22**

**Title :** B.E.S.T./C.F.E.S. Conference  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

**Whereas :**

- B.E.S.T. would like to pursue a partnership initiative to hold a joint Educational conference in Canada.

**BIRT :**

The Academic Commissioner investigates the possibility of running a B.E.S.T./C.F.E.S. Educational Conference.

**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	37
<b>Against :</b>	0
<b>Abstention :</b>	0

NE: Best holds educational symposiums, we would learn a lot from BEST and find out how best to apply those to Canada.

UBC: Do you have an anticipated year?

NE: These talks are in the baby stages so we are looking to 2009.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-23**

**Title :** Academic Committee Members  
**Mover :** National Executive  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ratify four regional representatives for the 2007 Academic Committee

**Whereas :**

**BIRT :**

The Academic Committee for 2007 will be comprised of:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Result : Withdrawn**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**



## Proposal **40-CFES-24**

**Title:** Study the feasibility of a CFES business  
**Mover:** Toronto  
**Seconded:** Queen's  
**Language :** English

### **Goal:**

To study the feasibility of the CFES implementing a business service for our membership. If the business is found to be feasible, a long term implementation plan should be delivered to the members.

### **Where as:**

- The CFES has lots of great ideas for member services, but a lack of money to implement them; and where as there seems to be consensus that a CFES employee may be able to assist with long-term memory and organization, and where as a business service could both require and fund an employee;

### **Be it resolved that:**

The National Executive establish a committee to investigate the feasibility and propose a long-term plan to implement a CFES business service. BIFRT: Potential services to be investigated should include but not be limited a nationally organized career fair. BIFRT: A report on feasibility and, if appropriate, an initial plan should be presented at CFES PM 2008.

### **Result:**

<b>For</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>4</b>

Toronto: point of procedure: time limit?

Ayaz: Excessiive time

Toronto: for those who went to my member session about long term planning. I presented the idea that there should be some thought given to long term goals. This I think could be a long term goal of the CFES. In prepping for congress, old docs found in ESSCO archives, in 97.98 they were looking to start a business that would offer a valuable service and a source of revenue. What I'm proposing is the CFES exec. Look at the feasibility of the idea, how feasible the business is and how feasible would changing the organization be. It really comes down to a lot of the conv. At this conference, a lot of schools thought that we could do this but there is no funding. I was asking, how do you guys fund their social events? The answer was a business service, event garners large revenues that fund activities.



We could find a sponsor to pay for things such as an employee, I don't think that sponsorship and member fees is not enough to fund large initiatives in the future. This would look into seeing how CFES could stand on it's own two feet. Now I'm elected I am very passionate.

Queens: Agree.

Uvic: I think the idea is good but I think we need to look at what we got instead of taking this big new thing.

Poly: It sounds promising and interesting but we do not want to create a committee just for it. Thumbs up/down for participation. 3 people who would. Lets go with it.

NE: I think it is an interesting idea to look into, there are examples of organizations that pulled this off. I worry about committee creation as well. I would remove advertising service as it conflicts with CU advertising.

Proposal: removal of the line about national advertising service. Friendly!

Windsor: I was actually going to ask if that was what CU advertising does. Could this replace it?

Promag: If we had our own we could but continuity would be a major problem. If this is something that you guys want go nuts but it could sour our good relationship with CU.

UBC: POI how many committees are there?

Ayaz: Mandated or exist two, lobbying and academic. I've seen usually 3 every congress

Guelph: I was wondering since ESSCO was looking into this what were the findings?

Toronto: Direct answer, I do not have that information.

Waterloo A: I look at this and see a proposal for two outputs, long term plan and a study. First you would need a feasibility study that says it's a good idea.

Queens: if appropriate means it doesn't have to be presented

Toronto: To sum up: I'm glad there is positive interest, if the membership feels if a committee isn't appropriate we could mandate 1 person of the executive or something else.

NE: I'd urge the membership would consider, this is one of the biggest years ever so that if we are going to form a committee PLEASE SIGN UP and do it. These large projects are great but with more and more mandates it will get dragged down. Please consider the state of CFES.

Ryerson: Why can't CFES offer this directly, Why a committee? Why can't they do a national career fair, why can't they do it directly?

Toronto: I don't think this is what the motion addresses, I want to investigate whether the CFES is capable to run a service like this and what it offers the members.

Poly: before we start doing to committees job, trust them and move on.



## Proposal **40-CFES-25**

<b>Title:</b>	CFES Awareness and Outreach Committee
<b>Mover:</b>	<b>McGill University (EUS)</b>
<b>Seconder:</b>	<b>Université de Laval</b>
<b>Language :</b>	English

### **Goal:**

Identify resources, programs, activities and other opportunities to:

- promote awareness of the CFES within the membership of the student societies.
- increase interest in CFES involvement within the membership of the student societies.

Identify the resources required to accomplish each of these opportunities.

Generate a tentative strategic plan to accomplish each of these opportunities.

Evaluate the overall benefits and costs of each of these opportunities.

Evaluate the feasibility of pursuing any of these opportunities.

From the above mentioned items, create a report summarizing its findings.

### **Where as:**

- Knowledge of the CFES within the general membership of the Undergraduate Societies that make up the CFES shows great potential for improvement.
- Increased awareness and interest in the CFES on behalf of these general members would most likely result in an increase in the quantity of members willing to hold positions, host events, organize existing programs or aid in the creation of new ones.
- An increased participation leads to a larger base from which to choose the people who will run the CFES and its programs, which in turn should lead to a more competitive selection process.
- Historically the CFES has addressed this issue via open talk sessions and specific proposals at Congress with minimal returns.
- These proposals ultimately depend on the Undergraduate Societies to do the promotional work for the CFES within their respective membership.
- This type of research would best be performed by a dedicated CFES committee rather than the undergraduate societies which have their own responsibilities to tend to year round.



**Be it resolved that:**

An Awareness and Outreach Committee be struck to research the options available to the CFES to reach its general membership and promote involvement opportunities.

**BIFRT** This Committee be headed by Derek Gelinas and consist of any CFES member willing to get involved.

**BIFRT** A report be generated to summarize this committee's findings.

**BIFRT** This report be presented at the 2008 CFES President's Meeting.

**Result:**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

McGill: Pass to Derek

Derek: Basically I think most of you know what I'm trying for, essentially this is to mandate myself as well as anyone else to see the options to reach the membership, that the competitive selection process where we had multiple candidates with high involvement of the CFES, I think reaching a larger population would help. This is purely research. If everybody does not like me as head, then get a new name but I am super motivated.

Laval: I believe in it, part that I believe the most is the report so that next year that other proposals come in at least this committee would have done the research of the can and can't's, so it goes into the memory of CFES as well.

Sherbrooke: Derek you have talked a lot about the direct link with the CFES and the students, but what I understand is that you are going to search all the outreach possibilities or is this going to focus on the CFES – Student link without the VPX.

Derek: The quick answer is I will be looking at every possible way. This will not bypass the ESSV's, last think I want to promote is CFES behind your back.

UVic A: It's awesome I'll help and if it doesn't pass you can do it Anyways!

ETs: It's another committee but I don't doubt Derek's motivation but I have a little bit of problem that may be talked about at PM or Congress but briefings are inefficient but face to face will be much better.

Derek: Because the idea came at congress so there was no time to do this, I believe that mandating myself for the next 8 months would be good. Since I was the national counciler I can make sure the briefings will take place and be understood. Some people voiced interest to be on so send me your e-mail or contact info and I'll get to you.

Poly: Since we are creating another committee. Lots of motivation (thumbs up!)



Waterloo B: The position of outreach commissioner was botched (3 years) what is different now with this approach as opposed to then.

Bessam: If my memory serves me correctly, the old outreach comm. Was directed at extraneous organizations and not to members.

Kyle: The National Exec. Would like to thank Derek for this idea. The National councillor was created for projects such as this. Derek is super motivated and help him and we can get a lot out of this.

Waterloo B: I love the Idea, non botching!

Alaina: Outreach was to youth and other groups. I think the idea was that outreach would be spread out but just make sure that you are not repeating the past and doing new things.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-CP-26**

**Title :** Updates for Transparency

**Mover :** Guelph

**Secunder :** Western

**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To create a better communication system better serving the needs of external contacts for engineering societies.

**Whereas :**

- Transparency facilitates two-way communication and increases the quality and quantity of feedback from members.

**BIRT :**

The National Executive distributes brief regular updates consisting of an explanation of each executive's recent activities and their plans for the near future to the external contacts.  
This be re-evaluated at Congress 2009 for consideration for addition to the Policy Manual.

**Result :**

**For :** 33

**Against :** 1

**Abstention :** 3

Guelph: Talked about this yesterday, and many of us still feel as though this is a good initiative. We are looking for what the Exec is up to, the format is flexible. There are issues with translation, but as long as it is kept short this can be avoided. Again, can be very flexible and this kind of document can help VP Exs a lot.

Western: Passes.

National Exec: Think this is great, and gives us the flexibility to adapt this as we need it. Great job.

Queen's: In full support of this counter-proposal as the writer of the original motion.

U of T: Ditto, as the secunder.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-26**

**Title :** Monthly CFES Executive updates  
**Mover :** Queen's  
**Seconder :** University of Toronto  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ensure accountability and transparency through monthly executive updates

**Whereas :**

- More information to the VP Externals/Directors of External is required in order to provide better feedback to the CFES Exec
- Transparency within the CFES is an area that greatly needs improvement
- Increased information and increased transparency lead to an increase in productivity

**BIRT :**

The Vice President – Communication compile a monthly report which contains submissions from all executive members

**BIFRT:** This report consists but not be limited to:

- Activities of the previous month
- Status of outstanding mandates
- Planned actions for the near future

**BIFRT:** This report be issued on the same day of every month as chosen by the VPC

**BIFRT:** The success of this motion be reevaluated at CFES Congress 2009 for consideration for addition to the policy manual

**Result :**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**

Queens: So this was an idea that myself and a few of us agreed on this that this would be a better way for transparency and information exchange about what people are doing and what the members know your doing. The more information you provide the more you get back. Another motion is similar to this so keep that in mind.

Toronto: Nothing to add, this is now a mandate to myself



Sherbrooke: Having been official languages, even getting execs reports on the two annual reports was hard. We do not want more writing than work.

Waterloo B: This is quite specific and can we increase the generality.

UBC: Response to Helene, if it's monthly maybe the reports could be shorter.

Bessam (VPC 2006): This motion is very similar to the e-bulletins, I don't know if there's a need for a mandate on this, feedback was very low.

Queens: just a comment on bessams, I would like to see that e-bulletins deals with members at large. I'd like to see these exec. Updates specifically for the externals as it's something most student's probably won't read.

Guelph: It was mentioned before by queens that there was a previous motion, so if people would like to get there eventually, I'm sure we would find a way to merge these ideas, the idea is to kind of separate them and this is the progress we are making on mandates and the ebulletins would be more general.

NE: With this, I'm not sure there's a usefulness, with regards to the e-bulletins and a separate one even though e-bulletin can have it, I know that people love policy and **Connor Langford IS POLICY**. Members can tailor e-bulletins to reach the member's members and trying to mandate this will create duplicate paper work and duplicate readings.

Guelph. I appreciate what you are saying, that these are two separate groups and the type of information would be different. The average student does not care about mandates and such. That's the type of information VPX's can use to provide feedback. The other one would be like What events could CFES HAVE and such.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-27**

**Title :** Position Manuals  
**Mover :** Ottawa  
**Seconder :** Queen's  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ensure more position awareness of CFES positions

**Whereas :**

- People resigning is detrimental.
- Currently members do not have a concrete idea of what each position offered by the CFES entails
- A document outlining each position would be helpful in promoting positions

**BIRT :**

Each outgoing executive, commissioner, ambassador and national councillor complete a position manual

**BIFRT:** This be compiled by the Vice President Communications and distributed to members and be made available to the CFES website.

**BIFRT:** This manual contains but not be limited to:

- Job description
- People I Work With
- Relevant Policy Manual and Constitution Sections
- Daily Tasks
- Meetings I Attend
- Projects I completed This Year
- Upcoming Projects
- Timeline
- Contact Information

**BIFRT:** The success of this motion be reevaluated at CFES Congress 2009 for consideration for addition to the policy manual



<b>Result :</b>	
<b>For :</b>	31
<b>Against :</b>	4
<b>Abstention :</b>	2

Ottawa: The idea behind this was that people were interested in running but had no idea what they were or what they did. In this manual it will have opinions and thoughts on the position and not be dry like the policy manual. This will help incoming officers to judge fairly the time commitment, I know that queens does this and it's really successful.

Queens: We do do this and we will be less mandate happy and this is a great way to get people involved and know.

NE: Connor and Kyle anticipated this and there are manuals up for certain positions already and we are using the queens templates.

Concordia: We would like to see some of the specifics pulled out of it. There should be a certain flair to it.

UBC: I guess if it's already done, does that mean this motion doesn't matter anymore?

Ayaz, Kyle is probably going to print it tomorrow

Queens: It's sort of happening now, we would like to see it before congress so your delegation can see more what it is.

UBC: When I look at this I imagine a student at our school and then the deadline has already passed. Is it possible to make it earlier?

Carleton: There are different avenues for finding information, you are giving them more work than they need to do.

Waterloo A: I'm totally ok not going for it, if they are already doing it, then there's not point to it, I would like to see though that job descriptions can add the "Good the Bad and the UGLY"

Ottawa: Another thing like this, there should be something filled out for EVERY position, I like to see their persons personal feedback.

NE: I would like to propose an amendment.  
FRIENDLY.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-28**

**Title :** Financial Reports  
**Mover :** Ottawa  
**Secunder :** Western  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**  
To improve transparency of the finances of the CFES

**Whereas :**

- Financial accountability is crucial to the success of any organization

**BIRT :**  
At every Board of directors Meeting, the VPFA present an updated financial statement explaining all financial activities and expenditures since the last Board of Directors meeting  
**BIFRT:** A completed budget for the current fiscal year be presented at CFES PM for member review  
**BIFRT:** The success of this motion be reevaluated at CFES Congress 2009 for consideration for addition to the policy manual

**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	37
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstention :</b>	0

Ottawa: AT CFES pm it was brought up that the budget was not approved by anyone. Throughout the year there is nothing stopping a person from making shady transactions. This is just a presentation to the BOD so it's a good safety net.

Toronto: Unless is this supposed to keep the books up to date, I think the BOD can just ask the VPFA whenever they want to know what is going on.

Sherbrooke: The budget at my society is the most important point of a board. Have we seen the budget?

Poly.: The budget should not be approved by the general assembly but the Board.



Propose an amendment.

Ottawa: I would like to see the members approve it. I will say it is friendly.

NE: I agree with Pascal's point, we go 4 months without a budget and the board can deal with it.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-CP-29**

**Title :** Regional Ambassador Communication with members  
**Mover :** Saskatchewan  
**Seconders:** Simon Fraser University  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

Increasing communication between the Regional Ambassadors and member schools

**Whereas :**

- Motion 39-CFES-38 was beneficial
- This motion was a one year mandate
- We would like to see this implemented into the policy manual

**Be it resolved :**

The following addition be made to "3.1 General tasks for all regional ambassadors" of the CFES Policy Manual:

"Contact each regional member school within 48 hours of the release of each Board of Directors meeting agenda to gather feedback on the issues which will be discussed before the meeting occurs."

**Result :**

For : 37

Against : 0

Abstain: 0

Saskatchewan: This task should not be limited to just the Ontario region.

Ayaz: Stand while talking.

Simon Fraser: Don't want the policy manual to be cluttered up again.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-29**

**Title :** Ontario Ambassador Communication with members  
**Mover :** Queen's  
**Seconder :** Toronto  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

Increasing communication between the Ontario Ambassador and member schools in Ontario

**Whereas :**

- Ontario found motion 39-CFES-38 beneficial
- This motion was a one year mandate
- We would like to see this implemented into the policy manual

**BIRT :**

The following addition be made to "3.3 Ontario Ambassador" of the CFES Policy Manual:

"Contact each Ontario member school within 48 hours of the release of each Board of Directors meeting agenda to gather feedback on the issues which will be discussed before the meeting occurs"

**Result :**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**

Queens: First of all this is under the Ontario ambassador mandate. I would like to see other regions to abstain. Since I am Ontario ambassador I will do this anyways.

Sask.: What queens and Toronto proposed will benefit for all the other regions. Propose to change to 3.1 and apply to all ambassadors of every region.

Queens: NOT FRIENDLY

NE: This was proposed last year, this was voted in, people seemed to like it, making this apply to one ambassador will defeat the purpose. I strongly suggest to change it to 3.1.



Queens: I don't feel like I should be managing other regions.

Sherbrooke: what if they abstain.

Ayaz: Simple majority.

SFU: Why thumbs down?

Poly: Simply we agreed with our new ambassador that we can just tell him what we expect directly and all Canada doesn't mandate him.

Waterloo B: Counter proposal it!

Moncton: we will do a counter proposal.

NE: I would like to remind that it is the CFES ambassador to the region. If other want your ambassador to do something that's the members prerogative.

Poly.: I'm in complete agreement, I would discourage members to tell my ambassador what to do.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-CP-30**

**Title :** Regional Ambassador Introduction to members  
**Mover :** Saskatchewan  
**Seconder:** Simon Fraser University  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ease transitions for member school Engineering Societies within each region with respect to CFES.

**Whereas :**

- We found 39-CFES-CP-39 beneficial
- This motion was a one year mandate
- We would like to see this implemented into the policy manual

**Be it resolved :**

The following addition be made to "3.1 General tasks for all regional ambassadors" of the CFES Policy Manual:

"Be in contact with each regional member school at least once every four months, the method of contact may be in the form of face-to-face meetings, email, phone calls and/or internet teleconferencing."

**Result :**

**For :** **35**

**Against :** **1**

**Abstain:** **1**

Saskatchewan: Ditto for previous CP.

Simon Fraser: Passes.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-30**

**Title :** Ontario Ambassador introduction to members  
**Mover :** Queen's  
**Seconder :** Toronto  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ease transitions for member school Engineering Societies in Ontario with respect to the CFES

**Whereas :**

Ontario found motion 39-CFES-CP-39 beneficial  
This motion was a one year mandate  
We would like to see this implemented into the policy manual

**BIRT :**

The following addition be made to "3.3 Ontario Ambassador" of the CFES Policy Manual:  
"Be in contact with each Ontario member school at least once every four months, the method of contact may be in the form of face-to-face meetings, email, phone calls and/or internet teleconferencing"

**Result :**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**

Queens: Once again I feel this is pretty self explanatory, regardless I plan on doing this.

Western: If they're not doing this why would you elect them?

Windsor: Um yeah, they should be doing this, between all the conferences, they'll already be seeing you very often the only time they wouldn't would be jan- june.

Sask.: All regions. West only have time once a year. When the system was down only contact was our ambassador.



NE: Propose the admendment to change it to all. I feel that the CFES should expect this out of it's ambassadors.

NOT FRIENDLY.

Bessam: Last year your reps were all for them, 1 person was against and 1 didn't care. All regions deserve same level of care.

Poly: Simply one thing, we realize things didn't happen, you can tell people whatever you want but not how.

Sherbrooke: To add to that it's not that it's not necessary but that it's very trivial.

Waterloo A: Throw a counter proposal

NE: If we are having these I would prefer that it would be done to all or not at all because we do not want to diverge the jobs.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-31**

**Title :** Survey  
**Mover :** Queen's  
**Seconder :** Toronto  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To provide information with regards to common concerns or problems in Ontario

**Whereas :**

- Ontario found motion 39-CFES-28 beneficial
- This motion was a one year mandate
- We would like to see this implemented into the policy manual

**BIRT :**

The following addition be made to "3.3 Ontario Ambassador" of the CFES Policy Manual:

"At least every six months, the ambassador will submit a questionnaire to member schools in Ontario containing at least five questions that are relevant to national engineering issues. The data from the questionnaire is to be compiled and posted on the CFES website"

**Result :**

**For :** 0  
**Against :** 26  
**Abstention :** 11

Queens: Once again straight forward, if Ontario doesn't want this vote it down. Counter proposal for the rest of the country.

Toronto: Just the one thing about this one, this mandate was not universally liked in Ontario, Not worth debating if we even want it.

Windsor: I think about this is that it's very specific, leave creativity for those responsible to come up with a solution.

Western: Did any other regions get a survey.



NE: Why are we making regional motions?



Proposal  
**40-CFES-CP-32**

**Title :** Communication Refinement  
**Mover :** Western  
**Seconded :** Guelph  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**  
To expose the CFES to engineering students.

**Whereas :**

- In the past, the average undergraduate engineering student has not been completely targeted as the recipient of CFES news and information.

**BIRT :**  
The focus of the E-bulletins be shifted towards reaching and informing the average undergraduate engineering student.  
This be re-evaluated at Congress 2009 for consideration for addition to the Policy Manual.

**Result : Passes**

<b>For :</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>15 (Saskatchewan, Sherbrooke, Laval, ETS, McMaster, McGill, Polytechnique)</b>
<b>Abstention :</b>	<b>4 (Lakehead)</b>

Western: This is different than the previous motion. Many of you feel very strongly about the fact that the member school is the CFES member, however we have to target regular students to get them interested in things like CE Courses. CFES link gives them some information, but they don't necessarily know about what is going on. Can really benefit students as students can get info from other areas than just talking to VP Exs.

Guelph: Good initiative, this is just a shift.

U VIC A: CFES is most beneficial when we target the schools. Worried that we may dumb this link down if we just focus on the undergraduate students.

Western: CFES-CP-26 would work well with this as we will then have a way to get info directly from the Exec.



Sherbrooke: Major difficulty I have with this is that there are a lot of events that we don't want to market the same way to all schools ex. Charity events will be promoted differently in Quebec. Could be detrimental to the CFES. As an open question, what does a VP External do for the rest of the year when they are not in Congress.

U Vic B: For the National Exec, will this just be an added load that will overburden you?

National Exec: Eamon (incoming VP Comm)?

U of T (Eamon): Not outside the realm of what I would be doing anyways. The issue is just the mandate you want to give me.

Laval: If this were to pass, the translation needs to be properly done. Not all members will understand English as well as many here do, so we need to ensure it is professionally done.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-32**

**Title :** Communication Refinement  
**Mover :** Guelph  
**Seconder :** Western  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To increase transparency of CFES activities to external contacts while exposing the CFES to everyone.

**Whereas :**

- In the past, the average undergraduate engineering student has not been targeted as the recipient of CFES news and information.
- The engineering societies' external contacts could benefit from a more specific document displaying the specific details of each executive's recent progress, increasing the transparency and ability for feedback from the external contacts.

**BIRT :**

The focus of the E-bulletins be shifted towards reaching and informing the average undergraduate engineering student.

**BIFRT:** The VP-Communications distribute regular updates consisting of an explanation of each executive's recent activities and their plans for the near future to the external contacts.

**BIFFRT:** This be reevaluated at Congress 2009 for consideration for addition to the Policy Manual.

**Result :**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**

Guelph: I think we beat this one to death already, we'll figure out a way to put it in one motion.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-33**

**Title:** Information security  
**Mover:** Lakehead University  
**Seconder :** Université de Sherbrooke  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

Do not let the CFES data crash down in flames

**Whereas :**

- Storing all your information in one unreliable location is unreliable.
- All of the CFES' information is in 2 versions (i.e. languages) anyways.

**Be it resolved :**

That the IT Commissioner take the necessary steps to insure that all electronic information is safely backed-up.

That electronic information consists but is not limited to:

- Policies, such as the Constitution and the Policy Manual
- Reports
- E-mail links
- Website

That this motion be completed for President's Meeting 2008.

**Result:**

**For :** 35  
**Against :** 1  
**Abstain :** 1

Lakehead: Originally this was supposed to be proposed by VPC paul, one of the things he said is that he would like to have another server just for backup. If one got shut done that we would have a backup.

Sherbrooke: Backup is good.

Waterloo A: I kinda feel that the wording of this is too specific, I'm not sure what the cost is of a separate server in a separate location. If it's not feasible the VPC will auto fail.



Sherbrooke: If something happens they could tell us at PM

Toronto as VPC-Elect: I understand the issue, I don't know if it's too specific. Maybe it could be offline back up? Maybe the IT commissioner should be mandated about this. Maybe if the IT couldn't fill it, that it could go up to the VPC

Sherbrooke: The concept is friendly

Lakehead: The Concept is Friendly

ETS: Coming from technology school I discovered three days ago that concerned the server that we should manage the server ourselves, I am volunteering my self to see where it's at. It probably died at Bernard and we will have a server as big as the WORLD!

Waterloo: Change the motion from being completed by PM to As soon as possible. Nevermind.



## Proposal **40-CFES-34**

<b>Title:</b>	External Representative Information Package
<b>Mover:</b>	MUN A
<b>Seconder:</b>	MUN B
<b>Language :</b>	English

### **Goal:**

To ensure information is adequately communicated between the CFES and its member students. To ensure the student society External Representative can properly inform their students and societies about the CFES and its services.

### **Where as:**

- One of the main goals of CFES is to communicate with its members.
- The CFES primarily communicates with students through student society External Representatives.
- External Representatives require clear information about the CFES and its services in order to deliver it to their members.

### **Be it resolved that:**

The CFES provide an Information Package to all member student society External Representatives. The Information Package will include details on the following:

- a. the CFES Mission Statement
- b. all CFES services (CE Courses, etc.)
- c. all CFES-run events (PM, Congress, CEC, etc.)
- d. the expected role of External Representatives with respect to the CFES

**BIFRT :** The Information Package will give a clear, complete and concise overview of the CFES and its mandate

**BIFRT :** The CFES VP Communications will ensure that the Information Package is updated and sent out on an Annual Basis.

### **Result:**

<b>For</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>1</b>

MUN A: It's obvious that communication is important. In a lot of the sessions we talked about getting students more involved, but in order to have these things, the VP externals need information on what



they are. The information in the proposed package to these externals. This will also help transitions in the member societies. We realize some of it is in the Policy manual but we want readers digest.

Mun B: This will be a good way for vp external's to know what they need to do in relation to the CFES.

Western: I think this information would be very useful in the spring mail out. Propose: "This be included in the spring mailout"

Waterloo A: After talking to other people around, It would be better that the transition documents be updated and kept online. If we had transition documents focused on more it would help with this purpose.

Sask.: I really like this idea, it's a little bit more aggressive top down approach. This would just be one way to transition and make sure everyone is more informed. I didn't know what I was getting into.

Calgary: Maybe this could be something in your own society than CFES

MUN B: It's more of what CFES's expectations of the VP Externals.

MUN A: They need more information.

Sherbrooke: I agree with Calgary, I would enjoy my relationship with the ambassador to be personal instead of being cluttered.

Toronto as VPC elect: Just ask for these things as most exist.

Poly.: If it doesn't cause too much debate, the role of the VP external should be dictated by the Society and not dictated by the CFES.

The role of the VP external must be determined by the association not the CFES.

Take away point 4.

Sherbrooke: bogged down to cluttered.

Bessam: This motion appears in some form every year, I like point 4 though, it is not merely a one way street, it seems fair to say what one expects of the other.

Queens: I'm not a VP External but a director of external relations and would like to see that amended.

Waterloo A: It seems a great place for this would be to put on the webpage, it would be more accessible to member schools on the webpage.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-CP-35**

**Title:** CFES Members representation  
**Mover:** École polytechnique de Montréal  
**Seconder :** University of Western Ontario  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

To ensure the CFES represents its member societies and any comments they may have regards to Engineers Canada

**Whereas :**

- Issues from Engineers Canada and CEAB meetings are of great interest for the member societies
- Engineers Canada and CEAB meetings are an ideal settings for the CFES to promote the views of its members societies

**Be it resolved :**

- That representations be made toward Engineers Canada so that a maximum of information (such as public minutes and agenda) are made easily accessible to member societies, by the way of a website or in any other way.
- That any presentations or document written by CFES representatives for Engineers Canada or CEAB meetings be made easily accessible to member societies, by the way of a website or in any other way.
- That the National executive and the Ambassadors explore and put into effect means to collect comments from member societies and relay them to the CFES representatives before Engineers Canada or CEAB meetings
- That the results of this motion be re-examined at Congress 2009 and considered for inclusion into the Policy Manual.

**Result:**

**For :** 36  
**Against :** 1  
**Abstain :** 0

Simon Fraser: Does this counterpropose the proper motion?

Ayaz: Correct. This is the counterproposal for 40-CFES-35.

Poly: The motion yesterday was seen as too specific, so we changed the wording. What we want is to be able to know what goes on at Engineers Canada. We want to know the means that can be used so



feedback can be gathered by the ambassadors. No need to wait until Congress 2009, as soon as you know what you are going to do, let us know.

Western: Passes.

National Exec: Great motion, and we hope you will vote for this. Well written. Move for a 15 minute recess?

Queen's: Will we be voting after this?

Ayaz: Move onto ratifications of officers and incoming executive.

**Recess called at 10:56am.**

**Reconvene at 11:19am.**



Proposal  
**40-CFES-35**

**Title:** CFES Member Representation  
**Mover:** University of Western Ontario  
**Seconder:** Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal  
**Language :** English

**Goal:**

To ensure the CFES represents its member societies/regions and any comments they may have with regards to Engineers Canada.

**Where as:**

Engineers Canada board meetings are an ideal setting for bringing forth comments of CFES regions/the CFES as a whole.

**Be it resolved that:**

The tentative presentation and relevant available documentation be posted on the CFES Website

BIFRT The presentation by the CFES representative to Engineers Canada should be available on the website at least one week before the Engineers Canada board meeting.

BIFRT Regional Ambassadors contact member schools at least two weeks before Engineers Canada board meetings asking them if they have comments relating to Engineers Canada. These comments would be relayed to the CFES president and would be brought forth during the next Engineers Canada board meeting.

BIFRT The policy manual be updated to reflect these changes.

**Result:**

**For**

**Against**

**Abstain**

Western: Defers to Shaunvir

Shaunvir: This motion came out based on what connor worked on last year, it's not lobbying, if you guys have concerns bring it to the CFES. The reason that they are there to facilitate communications.

Poly.:Keep in mind that we need access to feedback.



NE: I would kindly ask, remove the public minutes and agenda, it is Engineers Canada's, it will be from them. Propose admendment:

Poly: We could work on a counter proposal that would be more specific so we don't have to fiddle around with this one.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-36**

**Title:** CELF and the CFES  
**Mover:** University of Western Ontario  
**Seconded:** Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal  
**Language :** English

**Goal:**

To ensure an open exchange of information between the CFES and other organizations invited to the CELF Summit.

**Where as:**

- CELF is an ideal setting to bring forward awareness and information about the CFES.
- It is important to have strong communications and involvement with the CELF Summit.

**Be it resolved that:**

Representatives from organizations invited to the CELF Summit be invited to a round table for Congress 2009. Where they would meet with CFES delegates who would be attending the CELF Summit.

**Result:**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

Meaning is the summit

Poly.: I think this is an excellent idea, if it's doable let's go for it.

NE: Thank you for this motion, it's fantastic. This is more of the type of things we need, I think the CELF members would be very interested in something like this.

Moncton: I would like to hear Congress 09's thoughts on this

Congress 09: Asking for room or covering the cost?

NE: 09 is in Ottawa a lot of these organizations are in Ottawa. Awesome



## Proposal **40-CFES-37**

**Title:** Rebuild the CFES Archive  
**Mover:** Toronto  
**Seconder:** Queen's  
**Language :** English

### **Goal:**

To fill the gap created by the loss of ShareNET. A new document repository should be created by VP Comm with the goal of longer term sustainability. Changes to the policy manual should be proposed to ensure long-term sustainability of this archive.

### **Where as:**

- The CFES requires institutional memory to advance as a valuable organization, and where as there currently exists no central, organized repository of CFES' history,

### **Be it resolved that:**

The VP Comm, with the assistance of the IT Commissioner, create a new CFES archive.

**BIFRT** The archive should be organized and accessible to all CFES members.

**BIFRT** a long term plan to sustain the CFES archive be drafted by the VP Comm and proposed at PM.

**BIFRT** the feasibility of building and maintaining a CFES physical archive be investigated by VP Comm and included in the proposal.

### **Result:**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

Toronto: these are all the things that would happen to the archive if I were not elected, it's pretty obvious that we want the electronic one back. I know there was something about physical archives in Engineers Canada or some such, and should be revisited and included in an archive effort.

Laval: POI: is the archives more for VPC or VPFA?

Ayaz: VPFA content VPC exist

Sask: When organizing CEC information is good.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-38**

**Title :** CFES contribution to the CELF  
**Mover :** Université de Moncton  
**Seconder :** University of New Brunswick  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**

For members to contribute with suggestions on matters to be addressed at the CELF Summit being held in Montreal, QC in May 2009.

**Whereas :**

- The Regional Ambassadors collect members input and present it to the BOD.

**BIRT :**

The National Executive use this information to determine CFES contribution to the CELF Summit.

**Result :**

**For :** 33  
**Against :** 1  
**Abstention :** 3

Moncton: So I forgot what my proposal was and not withdrawing. I really enjoyed the CELF summit presentation and I thought it would be good if all the regions could have info gathered and then presented at the summit

Dal Stud. I was thinking of information related directed to the CELF Summit

Ayaz: This basically says be a federation, do what we are doing. "be a federation motion".

Toronto: If it's of your opinion if the motion does nothing, whether you think it's in order.

Ayaz: It mandates to do what you are doing.

Moncton: I only wanted in writing just so that the exec. Weren't deciding what was important.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-39**

**Title :** BOD transparency is necessary  
**Mover :** Western  
**Seconder :** Guelph  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**  
To improve BOD Transparency

**Whereas :**

- BOD Meetings need to be held consistently.
- And Whereas: Having meetings on a regular basis can only help the Federation with transparency.
- And Whereas: We would love the BOD to meet monthly

**BIRT :**  
The Board of Directors set a schedule to hold regular meetings in 2008  
**BIFRT:** The schedule for meetings be made available.  
**BIFFRT:** The schedule would be a minimum target for meetings, and that more could be held.

**Result :**

<b>For :</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against :</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstention :</b>	<b>0</b>

Western: Earlier at the start of the year, a lot of us were concerned about when the BOD was meeting, if there was a schedule was put out some time that would tell us when BOD meetings are that we could gather information. I think think that consistent meetings is important.

Guelph: Pass

UBC: How many BOD meetings held annually.

NE: minimum is 6 and we had 6 and we have 4 months left to go.

Windsor: Do you feel that we should have had more?

NE: I think more, There was problem with quorum.

Waterloo A: to the bod: What do you think of the feasibility.



Ayaz: It's good, We had a schedule but quorum would still be a problem and it is subject to change because of coordination of 4 time zones.

Waterloo: In favor or Reject?

NE: Yeah! BOD is good to be accountable to members.

Poly. Vote and then move on.



Proposal  
**40-CFES-40**

**Title :** Committees are cool  
**Mover :** Western  
**Seconder :** Waterloo B  
**Language :** English

**Goal :**  
To research the feasibility of honorariums and other similar incentives.

**Whereas :**

- Whereas: There were several long discussions about this topic inside and outside of sessions
- And whereas: More information on this topic needs to be gathered

**BIRT :**  
The VPFA form a committee to investigate the feasibility of incentives/ appreciation awards/ honorariums/ paid positions/ etc  
**BIFRT:** The committee make a presentation at Congress 2009 to show their results and their recommendations

**Result : Withdrawn**

**For :**

**Against :**

**Abstention :**

Western: Committees are cool, they don't work though unless members are willing to work on it.

**WITHDRAW**



Proposal  
**40-CFES-41**

**Title:** Official Thank You to Marie Lemay  
**Mover:** CFES  
**Seconded:**  
**Language :** English

**Goal:**

To thank Marie Lemay

**Where as:**

- Marie Lemay is stepping down as Engineers Canada CEO
- Has worked closely with the CFES over the past years to help develop our organisation

**Be it resolved that:**

The CFES thank Marie Lemay for all her help, friendship and support she has shown the CFES.

**Result:**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

NE: Ceremonial. She has attended more congresses than anyone in this room. We should do this to show how much we appreciate her.

SFU: Correct spelling would be most respectful.

Ayaz: Moving on.

Thanks to everyone...

**Adjourned at 12:47pm**