



## **2nd General Assembly at the President's Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students**

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October 2-5, 2008  
Sherbrooke, QC



## **Agenda**

1. Opening of the assembly/Call to order
2. Call for Quorum
3. Election of the plenary chair and secretaries
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Hearing of Proposals
6. Voting
7. Closing of the Assembly/Adjournment



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

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The chair calls the assembly to order at 11:15 EST

## 2. Call for quorum

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The number of voting members present is 31 out of 46

## 3. Election of plenary chair and secretaries

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	Proposal
	<b>02-CFESPM-1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Election of the plenary chair
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

<b>Goal:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To elect those individuals that will lead the plenary.</li></ul>

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shaunvir Sidhu be elected as plenary chair.</li></ul>

<b>Result: passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>



Proposal  
**02-CFESPM-2**

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

**Goal:**

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

**Where as:**

**Be it resolved that:**

- \_\_\_Helene Simard\_\_\_\_\_ (French) as well as \_\_\_Cindy Coleman\_\_\_ (English) be elected as secretaries for the plenary session.

**Result: passed**

<b>For</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>



## 4. Adoption of the agenda

	Proposal
	<b>40-CFESPM-3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Agenda
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

<b>Goal:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To establish the order of proceedings for PM 2008 plenary.</li></ul>

<b>Where as:</b>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The agenda be adopted as circulated.</li></ul>

<b>Result: passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

Western: Change – 40 CFES PM 10, BIRT; suspended



## 5. Hearing of Proposals

	Proposal <b>02-CFESPM-4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Ratification of VPSD
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language:</b>	English

<b>Goal:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To ratify the new VPSD.</li></ul>

<b>Where as:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The position of VPSD is vacant;</li><li>• The President has received an application from Erica Waugh to fill the position.</li></ul>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erica Waugh be ratified as VPSD of the CFES for the remainder of the term.</li></ul>

<b>Result: passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>1</b>

### Discussion:

Exec: VPFA resigned, and we moved Evan from VPSD to VPFA. Opened apps, received one from Erica. She has been CFES Charity in the past (2006). She has been involved at her School and on CFES (VP External). We feel she is a strong candidate and we hope you approve this.



Proposal  
**02-CFES-5**

**Title:** Ratification of Ontario Ambassador  
**Mover:** National Executive  
**Language:** English

**Goal:**

- To ratify the new Ontario Ambassador

**Where as:**

- The Ontario Ambassador position is vacant;
- The members of ESSCO have selected Adam Schubert as the Ontario Ambassador to the CFES.

**Be it resolved that:**

- Adam Schubert be ratified as the Ontario Ambassador to the CFES.

**Result: passed**

<b>For</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>15</b>

Discussion:

Exec: Jon Hordo resigned from personal and financial reasons, I went to ESSCO PM on his behalf, and the schools selected candidates and it was shortlisted to Adam.

Floor: Do other schools in other regions get to vote on this?

Speaker: Yes.

UOttawa: This was discussed and passed at regional meeting.



Proposal  
**02-CFES-6**

**Title:** Receipt of official documents  
**Mover:** AGEg (Sherbrooke)  
**Seconded:** National Exec  
**Language:** French

**Goal:**

- To be provided with official documents one week before meetings.

**Where as:**

- The documents weren't received before PM.

**Be it resolved that:**

- A delegate package including but not limited to a schedule, what to bring, session descriptions be provided one week before meetings

**Result: passed**

<b>For</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>14</b>

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**Discussion:**

Sherbrooke: I was not aware of events for this meeting.

Carleton: Clarify what official documents are.

Vic A: What is a delegate package?

Poly: Who is responsible for schedule, we should mandate the exec to do this.

UWO: I agree, they should be provided, but feel that we should trust exec, hence we do not need motion for this. It's their responsibility.



Exec: Clarifying, we did not have enough registrants in time, hence logistical caused problems. We sent the main details.

Wat A: Descriptions of venues, so we know what to bring along.

Laval: Good idea for guidelines.

VicA: Almost against it, more important they are present at the meeting. Do not need to get exact minute by minute play of meeting details.

Lakehead: Agreed this was to be brought up at wrap-up.

Carleton: Can bring the schedule to our exec so they can give us points to bring up at sessions.

Wat B: The vital details are like venue.

McGill: Some of the details do not fall under Exec, but on activity organizers.

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Proposal  
**02-CFESPM-7**

<b>Title:</b>	CFES Awareness and Outreach Committee
<b>Mover:</b>	McGill EUS
<b>Seconded:</b>	UNB
<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

**Where as:**

- Increased awareness and interest in the CFES on the parts of the general membership of the undergraduate societies would most likely result in increased participation
- Increased participation would serve to the general improvement of the CFES and, in turn, the individual student societies
- The Committee was formed at Congress 2008
- The head of the Committee may no longer be able to continue in this position

**Be it resolved that:**

- A new chair for the CFES Awareness and Outreach Committee be selected no later than Congress Plenary 2009
- The committee maintain the mandate outlined in 40-CFES-25

**Result: withdrawn**

**For**

**Against**

**Abstain**

McGill: Move to withdraw and to move to committee of the whole.

Exec: seconded.

Discussions:

McGill: Derek started this at Congress 2008 to evaluate and further develop outreach initiatives. Derek may no longer be able to this and he did not get as far, so would like



this to go on but due to work load of exec, cannot give it to exec. Probably try to get new chair.

Wat A: Will this take a lot of time? Better to get numbers and good communication among members. Make a session at Congress to discuss this fully.

Exec: Done this already, not much results. Feel the committee is important.

Saskatchewan: Derek put in time and we need someone, I would like to continue this by putting my time and effort in this

Exec: Cannot be stand alone effort, we need numbers and well as variety, possibly different schools. Ian believes in this, and we as exec believe in this.

WatB: What type of initiatives

McGill: Schools to get in touch with

Exec: Derek has report on brainstorm. Still in rough stages, and to narrow down. Moving towards analysis of options and then action plan.

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Proposal  
**02-CFESPM-8**

<b>Title:</b>	PM Quorum
<b>Mover:</b>	Queen's
<b>Seconded:</b>	Waterloo A
<b>Language :</b>	Bilingual

**Goal:**

- Make it easier to achieve quorum at PM

**Where as:**

- We struggled to achieve quorum for this meeting;
- Many schools do not attend meetings on a regular basis;
- Many of these schools do not submit proxy forms.

**Be it resolved that:**

- The BoD explore alternatives to make achieving quorum easier;
- The National Executive present the alternatives to members at Congress 2009.

**Result: passed**

<b>For</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>2</b>

Discussion:

Queens: Was stressed not being sure if we had quorum. A lot of schools are absent at meetings, and not fair to those who make the efforts, need a solution.

Wat A: Quorum is 2/3<sup>rd</sup> and right now, they are active. BOD should come up with alternatives to make this easier. Prioritize list and present at congress.

Ploy: QCESO had the same problem but this is not the place to discuss this.

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Proposal  
**02-CFESPM-9**

<b>Title:</b>	Social Issues Commissioner Position
<b>Mover:</b>	Western
<b>Secunder:</b>	
<b>Language :</b>	English

**Goal:**

- To remove the position of Social Issues Commissioner

**Where as:**

- We have not seen many productive things come out of the position

**Be it resolved that:**

- The Social Issues Commissioner position be removed;
- All references to the Social Issues Commissioner be removed from CFES policy documents.

**Result: Tabled to Congress 09**

**For**

**Against**

**Abstain**

Discussion:

UWO: 2-3 yrs ago, this was brought up and this year it has been based on NCWIE, and depending on the result the position may be void. Do not see a need for a position to take space

Exec: Mark has been working hard. Has big idea of project that is extremely relevant to us as a federation, and it is a long-term project. We can define the position a bit more to pick a direction at congress for position.

UWO: Kill it after congress

Wat A: Do we have to open apps for this position every yr.



Exec: We don't need to.

U of A: Will there be archives for this position or complete removal from history.

Exec: Just update policy manual.

Wat B: Talked with ETS, to put forward motion to give direction to CSI to give report on what schools to for social, ecological and environmental issues.

Exec: that's what is in the policy manual.

Poly: A commissioner position, should be up to exec, do not erase it and reinstate it, cycles are not fun.

Exec: Reactionary responses. Exec would like to move to table this to Congress 2009.

Mac: How is the process of getting a CSI

Exec: Appointed by exec after plenary, but voted in the voting section of plenary in a late motion.

Poly: Tabling this for what, to give time for investigate?

Exec: Yes time to investigate and to narrow down ideas, and will have better informed members at congress.

Poly: Tabling this and asking them to do work. Do not want to give them work.

Exec: No pressing need to shutdown position. Let term end at March, if pressing, wait till Congress. We are not well informed on this, we need facts and this will not add work to exec, but will give time to look at it and for him (CSI) to do more.

Concordia: Go for a vote, then decide.

WatB: (POI) how often to they give updates?

Exec: In contact with commissioners fairly often, have a discussion once a month but if big updates, more regular updates. Schools get updates once every two months.

U of T: At congress, will have them, then can decide.

Mac: Call to question the tabling of this motion.

Exec: U of O



Vote on Tabling:

For: 31

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: passed

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<b>Proposal</b> <b>02-CFESPM-10</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Charity Commissioner Position
<b>Mover:</b>	Western
<b>Seconded:</b>	National Executive
<b>Language :</b>	English

<b>Goal:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To remove the position of Charity Commissioner</li><li>• To make the VPSD responsible for the Congress charity event</li></ul>

<b>Where as:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There has been a lack of support from members for the Charity Commissioner</li></ul>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Charity Commissioner position be removed at the end of their term;</li><li>• All references to the Charity Commissioner be removed from CFES policy documents;</li><li>• The CFES policy documents be amended to make the VPSD responsible for the Congress charity event as well as the Congress charity, leadership and involvement awards.</li></ul>

<b>Result: failed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>3</b>

Discussion:  
UWO: From Policy Manual, ammendment.

UWO: Why: wanted charity commissioner but we don't tell them what to do, they come up with ideas and we don't support them. Feel charity is important but if we are not going to out in efforts then we don't need it.

What: As members we seem to support charity, and want this to fail, but doubt it will. Propose, we get rid of commissioner but keep two of its mandates, awards and congress charity event. They are still very important and by default they fall under VPSD.



Mac: Easier on the local level. Don't think its worthwhile doing it on a national level especially if already having problems with it.

UOttawa: Exec, does it add more than able to deal with

EXEC: we have our plates full, in general the position could be successful if there is support from members. Don't think this means the position is useless.

VicA: Feel that CFES is national representation, should look at more realistic goals and still represent the charitable side of CFES.

Wat B: Is it necessary to have a defined position, do we need CFES support.

Vic A: Yes

Wat B: have compile report on what each school does with charity.

McGill: How much resources are spent on charity.

'Exec: With the commissioners resources depend o funding from schools, the main CFES resources are used fro travel to meetings, but do not have enough to commit to special projects.

WatA: To vote this down, members schools should make sure representative actively participate. Want to table this.

UWO: We do not support the charity commissioners

UBC: Ammendment, sounds harsh at the moment. There is lack of support for the charity commissioners from the members, we are not saying we are against them but there is apathy towards them.

UWO: Friendly

Ammendment accepted.

VicA: Know this is time and effort, if someone wants to do it, why are we cutting this.

UWO: Agree with you. If we had the right person, that will be great, but if we do not give support, we should not have one.

Exec: Resources, taking VPSD from managing someone to doing the work will take up time resources.



WatA: Question was where is the harm is doing t his. Felt ashamed when I found out we promised money but did not deliver.

VicA: Totally agree, we should redefine the scope not destroy the position, possibly about congress.

UWO: It being in your portfolio doesn't mean you have t o do it your self, but you can delegate.

Mac: Want to make a position solely for congress. If we use resources to fly them to meetings, use this money for charity.

VICA: Not much for the commissioner to do. Feel the motion is harsh, we should deal with it but congress is the best avenue to deal with policy manual.

UOttawa: does not require the commissioner to run a national charity initiative. They are already going above ands beyond and why do we want to change this.

WAtA: we have beaten this to death, wait till congress, let exec redefine this

UWO: Let members redefine this instead of exec.

Carleton: Ammendment to BIRT. Position removed at the end of their term.

UWO: Friendly.

Poly: Call to question.



<b>Proposal</b> <b>02-CFESPM-11</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Closed Member Sessions
<b>Mover:</b>	uOttawa
<b>Seconded:</b>	UWO
<b>Language :</b>	English

<b>Goal:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide the CFES National Executive with accurate and constructive feedback</li></ul>

<b>Where as:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members do not wish to discuss the members of the National Executive in their presence.</li></ul>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At PM and Congress a closed member session is held in the absence of the National Executive;</li><li>• The session is held immediately after the Accountability session.</li></ul>

<b>Result: passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>5</b>

Discussion:

UOttawa: Point is just so that we can give the exec honest feedback about how they are doing. Best to do it after accountability. Want to add it to constitution.

UBC: Commisioners have mandates that have duties as well, so is this just for exec.

UOttawa: It is up to your discretion.

Exec: Should not be a big issue. Commisioners comes to VPs.

VicA: Confused about this. We need to clarify that this has to be legit. Someone has to take minutes.

UOttawa: Point of there not being minutes is to have honest feedback.



Congress: Is exec goin to get a list of what is given as feedback

Exec: This is all good.

Poly: No need to mandate this.



<b>Proposal</b> <b>02-CFESPM-12</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	Membership of UOIT
<b>Mover:</b>	National Executive
<b>Secunder:</b>	
<b>Language :</b>	French

<b>Goal:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To grant membership to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology ESS</li></ul>

<b>Where as:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The University of Ontario Institute of Technology ESS has applied for membership to the CFES</li></ul>

<b>Be it resolved that:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UOIT ESS be granted membership, pending receipt 2008-2009 membership fees</li></ul>

<b>Result: passed</b>	
<b>For</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>

Discussion:

Exec: Should be ESS and assuming that would be friendly, awesome. Tried to sit Ontario ambassador on this as they held the regional meeting. Gave them procedures for applying for membership. They have acted upon it. According to constitution, we have to approve it by congress, but we have a general meeting here so lets get it done.

Congress: If they pay, they come to congress?

Exec: Yes.

Recessed called at 12: 40 pm.



## **6. Voting**

Call to order at 1:55 pm EST



## **7. Closing of the Assembly/Adjournment**

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**Moved by: Concordia**  
**Seconded by: Ryerson**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm**