There are policies that have been lacking every term that we've had conflicts with, so to go from a minor substantial policy that must less policy that you really didn't make much sense, said Hocking.

In the past, the ERC, committees, which consisted of ROD members, was highly involved with the election process, now, under policy governance, operation policies, including those relating to elections, it falls under the mandate of the President's office.

Just like with any policy that the president puts forth on the corporation, the board did not ask to be involved in it, so to approve this elections policy,” explained sincerely, the chair of the ERC.

Providing the elections policy, it is in line with the governance manual, then it's okay,” he added. Just as the elections process lacked clearly defined policies, this year's campaign also suffered from a lack of communication and training between former and current election officials.

There wasn't really a good transition between me and last year's ERC, the recruitment wasn't done, shown. I don't think I trained for the best.

It was the lack of a smooth transition between ERCs that Stevers felt contributed to organizational problems such as the Concourse not being held in time for the Open, the NVP or the Torrent not being reserved to announce election results and there not being enough ballot boxes for election day.

As a result of having gone through these assorted perils, Stevers is making recommendations to next year's CRO on how to better manage next year's planning.

“I've passed policies that I’ve been given, policy,” explained Stevers. “I've written a list of recommendations: here's what needs to be done, here's a good time to do it, here's the contact information” … so that’s all already been documented.

Aside from making recommendations regarding ERC transition, Stevers and Allison also felt that it is important that ROD members should remain neutral in future elections, in terms of their affiliations with campaign teams.

“The same reason why vice-presidents shouldn't be involved in campaigns, in the same role, organization sources,” said Allison.

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