

Ruling #8

March 2014 Executive and BoG Election

Website went live without the knowledge or approval of the CRO

Parties to the Ruling

- William Lau, Candidate for President
- Wayne DeFehr, Chief Returning Officer

Applicable Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

- Bylaw 2200.32.001: All campaign materials shall be approved in form, content, and cost by the CRO before they may be used in campaign activities.

Facts

1. It is expected that all candidates are familiar with the Election Bylaws and with the Regulations and Guidelines in the Nomination Pack.
2. William Lau's website went live for a short time, without approval from the CRO. A few hours later a "Coming Soon" message was posted to the home page instead.

Ruling

1. The CRO spoke with William Lau about the website going live before notifying the CRO. Candidate Lau explained that this was a mistake from his web designer, and that as soon as he asked the designer to take it down, the site went offline.

Penalty

1. The CRO is confident that this is the correct explanation for what happened, and that as a result no penalty will be imposed.

So decided: Sunday, March 3, 2014 at 16:15. Time limit for appeal: Monday, March 4, 17:00.