

Ruling #11

March 2014 Executive and BoG Election
Campaigning in a Disrespectful Manner

Parties to the Ruling

- Sangram Hansra, Candidate for Board of Governor's Representative
- Wayne DeFehr, Chief Returning Officer

Applicable Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

- Bylaw 2200.26
Each candidate and side manager shall act reasonably and in good faith, and specifically shall
 - a. ensure that each volunteer engaging in campaign activities on his/her/its behalf is aware of all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders;
 - b. ensure that each volunteer is in compliance with all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders while engaging in campaign activities on his/her/its behalf;
- Bylaw 2200.49 Disqualification
(1) A candidate shall be disqualified where he/she/it is guilty of a contravention that (b.) is malicious or substantially prejudicial to another candidate or slate

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. The complainant has brought to the attention of the CRO that Taimur Malik spliced videos using *The Gateway* interviews of the complainant and another candidate from another race into a video that mocks both of our speeches and put this on Facebook.
3. This video was posted on Facebook for a couple of days before being taken down at the request of Sangram Hansra.

Ruling

1. Although Mr. Malik has been helping William Lau's campaign, he is listed officially as Sangram Hansra's campaign manager. For this reason, Mr. Malik's activities can have an impact on Mr. Hansra's campaign.
2. While Mr. Malik's video was in bad taste against the complainant, and does not exemplify the standards of respectful campaigning to which candidates should adhere, it does not, however, reach the standard of "malicious or substantially prejudicial" campaigning that would require Mr. Hansra to withdraw his candidacy.

3. As well, Mr. Malik's video was taken down from the Facebook page after 2 days, after Mr. Hansra requested it be removed.

Penalty

1. In order to register that the CRO discourages campaigning that is intended to mock other candidates during the campaign period, a fine of \$10.00 is levied against Mr. Hansra's campaign

So decided: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 16:46. Time limit for appeal: Thursday, March 6, 17:00.