

Speaker's Bureau Annual Committee Report

Committee Members:

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Terms of Reference:

- a) To recruit and train members in Parliamentary procedure to assume the speaker role at unit general meetings.
- b) To facilitate workshops to educate all members in parliamentary procedure.
- c) To develop guidelines for the operation of the Speakers Bureau.

Activities:

1. Created schedule for chairs for all Association Representative meetings and all Unit General Meetings.
2. Chaired three General Meetings; the Budget Meeting, the Resolutions Meeting, and the Pre-AGM Meeting.
3. Chaired all Association Representative meetings.
4. Chaired all TSU Executive meetings.
5. Revised Standing Rules for TSU Executive Meetings.
6. Prepared Standing Rules for Electronic Meetings for TSU.
7. Continued to be involved in the work of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) and the Ontario Association of Parliamentarians.
8. Participated in on-line meetings of the Ontario Association of Parliamentarians.
9. Encouraged and took part in training Webinars offered by the NAP.
10. Responded to various questions posed by members of the Executive.
11. Electronic searchable program of Robert's Rules was made available to the Executive and Committee members.

Recommendations:

1. It is important to recruit and train new members in order to serve TSU's future needs as Speakers.
2. Continue to promote engagement and membership in the Parliamentarians' Professional Organization (specifically the National Association of Parliamentarians and the Ontario Association of Parliamentarians) and make use of the training opportunities.
3. Encourage members to attend the next NAP Training Conference in August 2020 if circumstances evolve to permit it or to attend the virtual workshop if available.
4. To establish a TSU Parliamentary workshop as an annual event.
5. Including parliamentary training as part of preparation or as a pre-requisite to attending the OECTA AGM.
6. To ensure sufficient copies of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised 12th edition) are provided (in print and electronic format when available).
7. To facilitate a training session on the changes in the 12th edition of Robert's Rules.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Szollosy, Chair