

RESOLUTIONS TO 2020 TSU AGM

HOUSEKEEPING

(none)

BY-LAWS

1. Article II Section 1 p. 6 (Executive) (Linked with 7. and 8.)

2/3 That Section 1 General Meetings be amended by addition of a new section

1.2.1.12 Meetings Held Electronically.

a) Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, General meetings may be conducted through use of Internet meeting services designated by the Executive that support; identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes.

b) These electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Executive or by the said meeting to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for participation.

c) Any such rules adopted shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority.

d) Any vote conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

Rationale: Our bylaws should provide for the conduct of electronic meetings.

2. Article II Section 5 – The Unit Annual General Meeting p. 10 (Frank Bruno)

2/3 That 1.2.5.5 be amended by deletion and substitution to read:

For the purpose of conducting the Unit AGM there shall be a speaker appointed by the UAGM Committee. The speaker, where possible, shall be selected from the members of OECTA Provincial Speakers Bureau. They shall not be a member of the Executive, nor shall they run for office.

Rationale: Change of practice
(Legislation notes cost of \$1000 to the budget.)

3. Article II Section 6 – Unit Elections p. 10 (Frank Bruno)

2/3 That 1.2.6.1 be amended by addition of a new section c) to read:

c) Election PIN numbers shall be postal mailed out to TSU members.

Rationale: Return to previous practice.
(Legislation notes that budget cost of this motion is \$3700)

4. Article II Section 7 – The Unit Executive p. 12 (Frank Bruno)

2/3 That 1.2.7.1 c) be amended by deletion.

Rationale: A Counsellor is not necessary.

5. Article II Section 7 – The Unit Executive p. 13 (Executive)

2/3 That 1.2.7.3 iv) be amended by deletion of “In the event that the eligible candidate in iii) is not acceptable to the Executive” and substitution of “In the event that the Second Vice-President does not accept the position of First Vice-President”.

It would then read:

iv) In the event that the Second Vice-President does not accept the position of First Vice-President”, a meeting of Association Representatives shall be called (take place) within thirty (30) days of said vacancy. A quorum of 2/3 of Association Representatives will elect by simple majority.

Rationale: Correction is needed to resolve a contradiction between subsections iii) and iv).

6. Article II Section 7 – The Unit Executive p. 18 (Frank Bruno)

2/3 That 1.2.7.10 be amended by insertion of “and advise” after “assist”.

It would then read:

1.2.7.10 The duties of the Councillors shall be: a) to assist **and advise** the Unit Executive in its duties.

Rationale: The advising capacity of the Councillors needs to be clearly identified and acknowledged in the duties of the Councillors and expressed in the by-laws.

7. Article II Section 11 Unit Committees p. 24 (Legislation)

2/3 That Section 11 be amended by addition of a new section to read:

1.2.11.26 a) Committee meetings shall normally be held at the Toronto Secondary Unit Office unless explicit permission has been obtained from the President to meet elsewhere.

b) In addition, meetings may be conducted, in person, telephonically or electronically at the call of the committee chair and Executive liaison, under the same terms as for General Meetings.

Rationale: This provision recognizes the current practice and will allow for committee meetings to be held electronically.

8. Article II Section 12 Executive Meetings p. 27 (Executive)

2/3 That Section 12 be amended by insertion of a new 1.2.12.2 (with subsequent renumbering) to read:

1.2.12.2 a) Meetings may be conducted, in person, telephonically or electronically at the call of the president under the same terms as for General Meetings.

b) Executive members who are unable to be present in person shall have the right to participate by telephone, subject to any limitations established in rules adopted by the Executive to govern such participation. Their participation shall be counted as part of making quorum.

Rationale: This permits the Executive to meet by telephone or by internet meeting service.

9. Article II Section 12 - Executive Meetings p. 27 (Al Zawadzki)

That Bylaws 1.2.12.3 be amended by addition of a new b) to read:

1.2.12.3 b) The approved minutes of all executive meetings shall be posted and archived for a period of 2 years on the members section of the TSU website within 14 days of approval. Members shall have direct access to these minutes.

Rationale: All members should be entitled to inform themselves of executive matters and decisions which affect the union. Transparency is the hallmark of a democratic self-governing body like ours.

10. Article II Section 12 - Executive Meetings p. 28 (Frank Bruno)

That Bylaws 1.2.12.8 be amended by deletion of a) and substitution of “Voting at Executive meetings shall be either by: i) show of hands or ii) **recorded vote by name** if so requested by at least one member. **This applies only to the public session of the Executive minutes.**”

Rationale: Change of description of current practice.

POLICIES

11. Policy 1 – Solidarity Fund p. 33 (Budget & Finance Committee)

That Policy 1 be amended by insertion of “derived from the TSU Member Fee Return” after “net revenue.”

It would then read:

2.1.1 That in any fiscal year a minimum of 2% of the Unit’s net revenue, **derived from the TSU Member Fee Return**, as of the Unit Budget meeting be allocated to a Solidarity Fund.

Rationale: Insertion of this wording more accurately reflects the Unit’s practices for Solidarity over the past decade.

12. Labour Council Membership p. 33 (Executive)

2/3 That Policies be amended by addition of a new section to read:

The Unit affirms its membership in the Toronto York Region Labour Council by annually contributing the *per capita* fee to the Labour Council.

Rationale: The support of the broader Labour community was invaluable in our recent campaign to combat education cuts. Labour solidarity is critical at all times but especially in the anticipated political struggles.

PROCEDURES

13. Procedure 5 - Duties of Standing Committees p. 44 (Legislation)

2/3 That 3.5.11 f) be amended by insertion of the phrase “to review them for appropriate placement and form and make suggestions.”

It would then read:

f) To receive all resolutions submitted for consideration at the Unit Resolutions

Meeting, to review them for appropriate placement and form and make suggestions.

Rationale: This motion just describes the current work of the Legislation Committee and parallels reviewing resolutions for the Unit AGM with the Provincial AGM.

14. Procedure 5 - Duties of Standing Committees p. 44 (Legislation)

2/3 That 3.5.11 f) be amended by addition of the phrase

g) To ascertain costs of financial implications of resolutions submitted.

Rationale: This additional information would be helpful to members in consideration of any resolution.

15. Procedure 5 - Duties of Standing Committees p. 48 (Executive)

2/3 That 3.5.26 be amended by addition of new sections to read:

- f) The Chair shall hold a meeting of all candidates no later than five (5) days after the close of nominations to review the election guidelines (Appendix A to these bylaws).
- g) Ensure that the Committee Chair is the primary liaison between the unit, the candidates and the General Secretary with respect to unit elections and any rulings thereto.
- h) Refer any appeal of a ruling of the Elections Chair to the General Secretary.
- i) The Chair, nor any member of the Committee can be involved in any campaign as a candidate or on behalf of a candidate.

Rationale: This resolution was passed by the Council of Presidents for the AGM with intent to include in the Handbook and govern all unit bylaws.

ACTION DIRECTIVES

16. By-laws proofreading, page 60 (Legislation)

50% The Annual General Meeting empowers the Legislation Committee to review and correct the by-laws for numerical consistency, grammar, and punctuation.

17. Bids for Services, p. 60 (Frank Bruno)

50% That the Executive solicit bids from other companies for the same services that Union-strategies currently provides at \$33,900.00 on a yearly basis, and report back with the three different quotes at the General October budget meeting 2020.

Rationale: It is important to solicit competitive pricing on a yearly basis.