

Proposed Amendments to the TBU Constitution and Bylaws – Spring 2022

TBU CON 201-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article I be amended by the deletion of the word “Permanent”.

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 2

ARTICLE I – Name

This organization shall be known as OSSTF, District 13, Permanent Teachers’ Bargaining Unit (TBU).

Rationale: Update to match the actual name of the bargaining unit: Teachers’ Bargaining Unit.

TBU CON 202-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article VI, Section 1 be amended by substitution to read “The members of a Branch of the TBU shall be as defined in Bylaw 1.”

Reference:

TBU Constitution p.3

The members of a Branch of the TBU shall be as defined in the Bylaws.

Rationale: Clarifies which Bylaw contains the definition of members.

TBU CON 203-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article VII be amended by substitution to read:

“The TBU members at the Annual General Meeting may pass amendments to the TBU Bylaws not inconsistent with the District 13 Constitution or Bylaws & the Constitution & Bylaws of Provincial OSSTF.”

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 4

The TBU members at the District Annual Meeting may pass resolutions to the TBU Bylaws not inconsistent with the OSSF District 13 – Durham Constitution or Bylaws & the Constitution & Bylaws of Provincial OSSTF concerning:

- a) the procedure for the election of TBU Executive members;
- b) the formation of Branch organizations;
- c) the time, place and conduct of TBU meetings;
- d) all other matters as are deemed necessary or convenient for the promotion of the welfare of the Members or the conduct of the business of the TBU.

Rationale: The correct term is “amendments”, not “resolutions”. Correct term is Annual General Meeting, not District Annual Meeting. List of possible topics of amendments is not necessary.

TBU CON 204-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the title of Article VIII be amended by the addition of the words “to the TBU Articles” after the word “Amendments”.

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 4

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Rationale: This adds clarity to the title.

TBU CON 205-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article IX be amended by substitution to read:

“x.1 This Constitution is established under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, a provincial body, which is a federation affiliate of the Ontario Teachers' Federation, and, where silent on a matter, The Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation shall be used.

x.2 This Constitution cannot contravene the Provincial OSSTF Constitution, Bylaws, Policies or Procedures.

x.3 This Constitution cannot contravene the District Constitution, Bylaws, Policies or Procedures.”

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 4

ARTICLE IX - COMPLIANCE

No part of this constitution may contravene any of the constitutions or bylaws of the Provincial OSSTF or OSSTF District 13 - Durham. If any parts are found to contravene the constitutions or bylaws of the Provincial OSSTF or OSSTF District 13 - Durham, then the Provincial or District constitutions and bylaws shall apply.

Rationale: To ensure this constitution is not in conflict with district or provincial constitutions and bylaws, and/or policies and procedures.

TBU BYL 201-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw II, Section 2 be amended by substitution to read:

“The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of May. Notification of the meeting will be announced to the membership by the end of February.”

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 5

BYLAW II – MEETINGS

SECTION 2 – The District Annual Meeting shall be held in time to permit the newly elected TBU Executive to prepare to take office at the prescribed time.

Rationale: Updates the name of the meeting to “Annual General Meeting” and mirrors the language used in the District Constitution regarding a meeting to take place in May with notification to the membership in February.

TBU BYL 202-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw II, Section 3 be amended by the deletion of the word “District” and the addition of the word “General” after the word “Annual”.

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 5

BYLAW II – Meetings

SECTION 3 – TBU mass meetings other than the District Annual Meeting may be called at any time at the discretion of the TBU Executive. Except in the case of a strike vote conducted at a mass meeting, the results of which are binding, the purpose of such meetings can be consultative, but not legislative; any decision on matters discussed at these meetings must be taken by referendum at the Branch level.

Rationale: Replaces the term District Annual Meeting with Annual General Meeting

TBU BYL 203-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw IV, Section 12 be amended by the deletion of the word “District” and the addition of the word “General” after the word “Annual”.

Reference:

TBU Constitution, p. 11

BYLAW IV – DUTIES

SECTION 12 – It shall be the duty of the TBU Membership at the District Annual Meeting:

Rationale: TBU Executive positions should be elected at the TBU Annual General Meeting, not the District Annual Meeting.
