

Resolutions to Amend the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of District 13 OSSTF 2021

BIRT Article 6 Section 2a be amended with the addition of:

x) The Anti-oppression and Social Justice lead.

Rationale: This will add the position of Anti-Oppression and Social Justice Lead as a voting member of the District Executive. This position will ensure that the District is moving forward in a meaningful to address systemic racism and oppression within OSSTF and our workplaces.

BIRT Bylaw 4 Section 8 be amended with the addition of:

x) to arrange for the appointment of an Anti-oppression and Social Justice lead.

Rationale: This will add a duty to the District Executive to appoint the Anti-Oppression and Social Justice Lead.

BIRT the District Constitution be amended with the addition of a new article and bylaws that address online meetings as follows:

New Article

X Electronic Meetings

X.x If circumstances prevent in-person meetings, meetings of the Bargaining Unit membership, executive, or committees may be held electronically with approval from the District President. Under no circumstances can any part of the electronic meeting be recorded.

New Bylaws

X.x Electronic Meeting: Platform

X.x.x The platform in which electronic meetings can be held is designated by the President.

X.x The designated platform must support the needs of the meeting such as anonymous voting, visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing the text of pending motions, and showing results of votes.

X.x The designated platform must require members, participating in the electronic meeting, to be identified by name in order to satisfy the process of verification of membership of meeting participants.

X.x Electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Bargaining Unit membership, executive, or committees, or by OSSTF rules of orders.

X.x Electronic Meeting: Quorum

X.x.x Quorum for Electronic Meetings shall be the same as for in-person meetings.

X.x Electronic Meeting: Voting

X.x.x An anonymous vote conducted through the designated platform shall be deemed a ballot vote fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

X.x Voting on the designated platform can only occur for motions pertaining to the business of the Bargaining unit membership, executive, or committees. Election voting MUST be set up through Provincial OSSTF in the “My Vote” centre.

X.x Electronic Meeting: Platform Features

X.x.x The Public Chat function must be turned off. Private Chat function can be turned on if it is being used as a mechanism for members to be recognized in debate.

X.x.x The Voting or Polling System can be used as long as it displays the results of a vote.

X.x.x The use of video display should be used to present motions and/or documents to the membership.

X.x.x The mute-all function should be turned on so that the chair can control who has assignment of the floor.

X.x Electronic Meeting: Rules

X.x.x Proper Notice of Meeting and Meeting information (link, login, agenda, minutes, time and date) shall be sent out to members as per the constitution bylaw.

X.x.x The meeting link should open prior to the start of the meeting.

X.x.x Members shall join the online meeting, identify themselves, and maintain attendance throughout the meeting but shall exit the meeting upon any departure prior to adjournment.

X.x.x The chair can mute or force a disconnection of a member if the member is causing interference with the meeting.

X.x.x Members seeking recognition of the floor shall notify the chair by a method announced to the participants at the meeting. For larger online meetings, it is advised that someone be assigned to assist the chair by creating a Spotter’s List.

X.x.x Motions (and/or any other documents) should be displayed to the membership until it is disposed of.

X.x.x Votes shall be conducted via the platform designated for the electronic meeting. When ordered or required, other methods of voting can be used as per the constitution bylaw.

Rationale: The constitution currently does not have language outlining online meetings and how they occur. This motion will address that.