

February 2024 Bylaws & Constitution Committee Report

Due to some confusion over the Election Committees January report the Constitution & Bylaws Committee did not meet until noon today. Article 20.1 of our Bylaws states “These By-Laws may be amended by presenting a motion in writing setting forth the amendments sought to a membership meeting.”. We did not realise that the Election Committee report contained a motion until reading it in the minutes from the January GMM.

Therefore, we are bringing forward the following Motion:

Article 10 Section 5 ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee shall be responsible for:

- (a) obtaining from the Financial Secretary a list of all members, including laid off members, and retirees in good standing along with their email addresses for electronic elections,
- (b) posting the notice giving the date of the election and the run-off election, where required,
- (c) the use of absentee ballots is not permitted in local union elections, except as allowed by Unifor policy
- (d) all elections shall be held under the supervision of a democratically elected Election Committee,
- (e) acceptances of nominations and publishing the name of the candidates at least seven (7) days prior to the election (for constitutional elections only),
- (f) the times and places of voting,
- (g) the printing of ballots or setting up electronic ballots,
- (h) enrolling a sufficient number of Poll Clerks and obtaining leave for same,
- (i) provisions of sufficient ballot boxes,
- (j) conducting the votes and reporting the results as early as possible,
- (k) distributing campaign literature electronically on behalf of all candidates,
- (l) reviewing the campaign literature to ensure compliance with the Unifor Anti-Harassment Policy