



## Political Action/Public Relations Committee Terms of Reference 2023-2025

### 1. Political Action/Public Relations Committee:

The Political Action/Public Relations Committee shall work under the general Terms of Reference as follows:

- 1) To initiate action on items of its own creation within its specific Terms of Reference.
- 2) To take action on matters referred by the Local/Executive and/or Provincial.
- 3) To assist the Chair when requested.

### 2. Duties of the Political Action/Public Relations Chairperson:

As per the Committee Guidebook (7.0)

The Chair shall:

- chair the meeting
- schedule all committee meetings in consultation with committee members (i.e. dates, times, locations, meals, etc)
- cancel and/or reschedule an inquorate meeting, when possible
- familiarize the committee with its mandate (i.e. *Committee Terms of Reference*)
- set all initial agenda items
- provide committee members with an agenda
- provide committee members with the minutes of the previous meeting in advance of the committee meetings
- provide committee members with Expense Claim forms (to be returned to the office to the attention of the Treasurer, either by the committee member or the Chair)
- request release time for committee members, (6 days notice is required)
- submit meeting minutes to the Executive Assistant
- act as a contact/resource person for the committee
- report to Executive, in person or via the Executive liaison (i.e. meeting minutes)
- take all motions referred by the committee to the Executive
- consider motions referred by the Local and/or Executive
- obtain approval regarding expenses (events/initiatives exceeding \$500.00; (refer to Committee Program Fund and Equity Fund guidelines and Costing Guide)
- following an initiative/event after the approved expenses have been incurred, the Chair must submit a completed Costing Guide which was initially presented to Executive, consolidated expense claim package to the office (to the attention of the Treasurer)
- The completed Event Costing Guide should must be accompanied by: all ETFO-UCL expense claims, and/or other receipts, Costing Guide, ETFO Provincial forms, if initiative/event will be subsidized/paid for in part or whole by Provincial)
- present a report of the committee's activities at the ETFO-UCL Annual General Meeting

### **3. Duties of the Political Action/Public Relations Committee:**

- 1) To encourage local members to attend political action activities.
- 2) To make recommendations to the Executive to work in conjunction with other committees, organizations with regard to political issues affecting teachers.
- 3) To provide resource materials and communication strategies to support effective political action.
- 4) To promote positive perceptions of teachers and public education among our members and throughout our communities.
- 5) To educate members on the policies of political parties and other organizations in order to make informed choices interested in education.
- 6) To engage the public on issues in education
- 7) To attend committee meetings regularly and to inform chair when just cause prevents attendance. No more than three (3) meetings to be missed in a year without just cause. The committee would inform the executive of missed meetings during the year, and at the discretion of the executive, the member would be asked to resign.

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