

LOCAL GUIDELINES

of

Edmonton Public Teachers

Local No. 37

of

The Alberta Teachers' Association

(Reflecting decisions from April 1999 to date)

Guidelines represent the formally expressed rulings of Executive, the Council of Representatives, or General Assembly. These bodies may change their respective Guidelines at any time or make exceptions to them. In emergent or unforeseen situations, it may be necessary for Executive staff or Executive members to act in ways not in accordance with Local Guidelines. In such instances, the Executive staff member or Executive member is individually accountable for the wisdom of that decision.

New Local Guidelines or revisions to Guidelines will be adopted only on specific motions; that is, a motion will not be regarded as a guideline unless it is so stated.

A review of Local Guidelines should be done at least every five years.

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Appendix A — TWC Frame of Reference

1. ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY (ARA)**A. ARA Steering Committee**

- 1) The Local ARA Steering Committee, as determined in section 10.6.1.h of the Local's Constitution, will be elected in October. A Local Executive Staff Officer shall be responsible for preparing a timeline of elections for each year.
- 2) In the event of an election, candidates running for positions on the ARA Steering Committee shall have the opportunity to submit a short bio highlighting their abilities and experience, of no more than 250 words, and a photo.
- 3) The function of this committee will be to
 - a) review resolutions submitted by Local members,
 - b) draft additional resolutions,
 - c) ensure that all resolutions conform with the format prescribed by the bylaws of the ATA,
 - d) make recommendations on resolutions to a pre-ARA meeting of the elected Local ARA delegates,
 - e) attend ARA as a Local Delegate.
- 4) The Steering committee may be called upon to meet to review emergent resolutions being put forth prior to or during ARA.
- 5) ARA Steering Committee members not on Executive shall receive an additional \$50 per meeting for attendance at committee meetings.

B. ARA Delegates

- 1) Election of ARA Delegates shall take place at the October Council of Representatives meeting. A Local Executive Staff Officer shall be responsible for preparing a timetable of elections for each year.
 - 2) In the event of an election, candidates running as an ARA Delegate shall have the opportunity to submit a short bio highlighting their abilities and experience, of no more than 250 words, and a photo.
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 - a) Applicants who were delegates at the previous year's ARA but were absent from one or more delegate meetings or ARA sessions or failed to complete assigned duties that year without being excused under policy 1.B.5, are not eligible to apply as delegates in the current school year.
 - b) During the course of ARA and related activities and/or socials, delegates should be mindful of the Local members that they represent and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the honour and dignity of the profession. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to run as an ARA Delegate for the following year's Assembly.
 - 4) ARA delegates shall be informed of the dates of the pre-ARA meetings that they are expected to attend.
 - 5) Delegates may be excused from attending delegate meetings and/or ARA sessions by the Table Officers. If an ARA Delegate of the Local is absent for a session or a significant portion thereof without a reasonable cause, they shall return a portion of their allowance to the Local (such portion to be determined by the Table Officers).
 - 6) All Local ARA delegates are required to complete the ARA Resolution Pre-Vote by the assigned deadline. Failure to do so may result in being removed from the delegation. An extra meeting to discuss how to complete the pre-vote form will be held, which is mandatory for all first-time delegates.
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- 7) In the event the ATA calls an Emergent Representative Assembly (ERA) the last elected ARA Delegates will be called upon to attend. If they are unable to attend, alternates will be sought by the Table Officers/President as an ERA is normally called with little to no time to call for a full delegation.
- 8) ARA delegates shall be paid \$3,050 when ARA is in Calgary.
- 9) ARA delegates shall be paid \$1,750 when ARA is in Edmonton.
- 10) ARA delegates shall be paid \$1,000 if ARA is virtual.
- 11) ERA delegates shall be paid one-third of the Edmonton rate.
- 12) In addition to the above amounts delegates shall receive \$50 for each of the pre-ARA meetings that they are in attendance.

C. Resolutions

- 1) Members have the opportunity to propose resolutions to be reviewed by the ARA steering committee by a predetermined deadline as set by the Local.
- 2) Steering Committee reviews submitted resolutions and drafts additional resolutions to ensure that they conform with the format prescribed by the bylaws of the ATA.
- 3) The elected ARA delegation will review all resolutions proposed by members. They will debate and vote on which resolutions will go forward to the Executive Committee for approval and subsequent submission to the ATA. The Executive Committee will not overturn the decision of the ARA delegates.
- 4) The decision on all resolutions submitted to the ARA Delegates/Executive Committee will be reported in the Report on Actions.

2. AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1 Honorary Awards

- A. Honorary Awards may be granted by the Executive Committee of the Local to current active members who have rendered exemplary service to the Local.
- B. The award shall be a suitable memento of recognition presented to the recipients at a meeting of the Local's Council of Representatives and an engraved plaque bearing recipient names shall be displayed in the Local office.
- C. A call for suggested recipients shall be made at the February CSR meeting. The Executive shall name the recipients of the awards for the current year at its April meeting.
- D. Recipients of the awards shall be acknowledged at a mutually agreed regular meeting of the Council of Representatives.

2.2 Honorary Life Memberships

- A. Honorary Life Awards may be granted by the Executive Committee of the Local, to members who have retired from the profession and who have provided:
 - 1) service to the Local over an extended period of time, or
 - 2) service to the teaching profession over an extended period of time.
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- B. The award shall be a suitable memento of recognition presented to the recipients at a meeting of the Local's Council of Representatives and an engraved plaque bearing recipient names shall be displayed in the Local office.
- C. A call for suggested recipients shall be made at the February CSR meeting. The Executive shall name the recipients of the awards for the current year at its April meeting.
- D. Recipients of the awards shall be acknowledged at a mutually agreed regular meeting of the Council of Representatives.

2.3 Friend of Education Award

- A. Friend of Education Award may be granted by the Executive Committee of the Local to members of the Edmonton and district community who have rendered exemplary service in support of Public Education.
- B. The award shall be a suitable memento of recognition presented to the recipient at a meeting of the Local's Council of Representatives and an engraved plaque bearing recipient names shall be displayed in the Local office.
- C. A call for suggested recipients shall be sent to the membership during the month of April. The executive shall name the recipients of the award for the current year at its May meeting.
- D. Recipients of the award shall be acknowledged at a mutually agreed regular meeting of the Council of Representatives.

2.4 Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 Continuing Education Scholarship

- A. Purpose
This scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to teachers completing a graduate- level degree while working and serving their colleagues through involvement in the Local and/or ATA.
 - B. The Local shall offer annually scholarship(s) not to exceed a total amount of \$20,000.
 - C. Teachers who are members of the Local are eligible to apply for the scholarship; however, no teacher may receive the scholarship for more than two years consecutively, and no more than \$10,000 in their career.
 - D. The applicant(s) must state their intention to continue a career in education in Edmonton Public Schools.
 - E. The scholarship(s) is/are payable upon proof of enrollment at a TQS recognized university or post- secondary institution for the current school year.
 - F. The criteria for selection shall be based on the evaluation of professional service to colleagues through:
 - 1) Service provided to the Edmonton Public Teachers Local and/or service provided to the Alberta Teachers' Association (up to 60% awarded)
 - 2) Other professional activities (up to 20% awarded)
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- 3) Personal professional growth (up to 20% awarded)
- G. Only applicants who score 60% based on the average of the voting members of the Selection Committee are eligible for recommendation to the Executive Committee.
- H. The Selection Committee shall consist of the president, past president, vice-presidents, two members of the Council of Representatives, and one member of the Local Executive staff (non-voting secretary).
- I. The recommendation of the Selection Committee shall be placed before the Executive Committee of the Local who will make the decision as to the recipient(s) of the Scholarship.

2.5 Education Scholarship

The Local shall award a scholarship to one or more students in the final year of a post-secondary program that meets the Alberta Eligibility Criteria for Post-Secondary Programs for Student Aid and whose parent is a member of Edmonton Public Teachers. The winner(s) will be selected by random draw from all eligible applicants. The Council of Representatives will determine the number and value of the scholarship when the budget is set. In any year only one member of a family shall be awarded the scholarship.

2.6 Additional Grants and Awards

- A. In support of the Marilyn Young Memorial Fund the Local shall donate \$3,000 annually, the cost of two full scholarships, to the Aspen Foundation.
- B. In consideration of the extensive use our Local and our members make of the Association Library, the Local shall make an annual donation of \$5,000 to the ATA Library.

2.7 Teachers' Charity Trust Fund

- A. Purpose
The Edmonton Public Teachers Charity Trust Fund is a fund of money assembled through the voluntary charitable donations of teachers who agree to contribute 1/2 of 1% of salary through payroll deductions. Deductions are tax deductible and will appear on the member's T-4 slip. The Funds are disbursed annually under the supervision of the Donations Committee.
- B. Selection Criteria
The criteria for selection and the amount of donation is based on the receipt of a completed application form from the Charity by October 31, and the evaluation of:
 - 1) How this donation will enhance the quality of life for Edmonton students and/or their families.
 - 2) How the donation will impact the basic or educational needs of Edmonton students and families.
 - 3) What percentage of the donation amount supports the initiative and what percentage goes towards administrative costs.
and the consideration of:
 - 4) Whether the project is a new or existing initiative.

- 5) The scope of the project, how many individuals will be affected and how profoundly.
- 6) A breakdown of the budget for the initiative.

3. BEREAVEMENT

- A. Upon being informed of the death of a member of this Local or the death of a retired teacher who was once a member of this Local, the Local shall contribute to the ATA Educational Trust in memory of the member. The remaining budgeted funds will be donated to the ATA Educational Trust at the Annual Representative Assembly.
- B. Upon being informed of the death of an active member of this Local, the Local shall make a \$500 donation to the member's school library or the school's memorial project.

4. COMMITTEES

Note: All standing committees of the Local shall have office staff support available to them to act as liaison between the committee and the Local office.

- A. Each Standing Committee of the Local shall hold its initial meeting before the end of September.
- B. At its initial meeting, each of the Standing Committees of this Local shall:
 - 1) Review Section 13 of the Constitution,
 - 2) Review the Frame of Reference for the committee,
 - 3) Review the committee budget for that year,
 - 4) Review the expectations and responsibilities of committee members, and
 - 5) Name a recording secretary that is not the chair of the committee or Local staff.
- C. Meetings of the committees of the Local should be held in Barnett House where possible. If they are to be held outside of the building, prior approval from the Local office is required.
- D. Committee chairs are responsible for providing an agenda and meeting materials to the Local office at least five operational days prior to the meeting date.
- E. Meeting reminders will be sent out via personal email at least three operational days prior to the meeting.
- F. Minutes will be kept for each meeting which includes the official attendance record, members will be paid using this information, and a record of motions. Minutes will be submitted by the recording secretary to the Local office within three operational days after the meeting.

If emergent motions are required, they may be put forward and voted on over alternate electronic means such as email or WhatsApp. If such a vehicle is used, an official record shall be provided by the committee recording secretary to the Local office to attach to the committee's minutes.

- G. If after-school meetings are expected to last longer than two hours from the start time, committees may request a meal at an additional cost.
- H. Prior to the date set by Finance, each Standing Committee shall review their Frame of Reference, applicable guidelines, and submit budget recommendations for the following year to the Finance Committee.
- I. Prior to May 15, Standing Committees shall submit, through the Executive Committee, to the Council of Representatives, a year-end report, and recommendations for any incoming committee members.
- J. Prior to the Local's resolution deadline prepare and submit resolutions for the ARA Steering Committee to consider, if applicable.
- K. Standing Committee Member Attendance – Attendance on an intermittent basis without reasonable cause or consent may result in the position being declared vacant by a motion of the committee. The member and President shall be informed of the committee's decision by the chair. If members cannot attend the scheduled meeting, they must let the chair and the Local office know.
- L. Standing Committee Member Commitment – Should the chair have concerns around a member's commitment to the committee, the Chair will address the concern with the member. If unresolved, the Chair will consult with the President.
- M. A member holding an executive position may not be a voting member on any standing or ad hoc committee other than the one to which they have been elected or appointed.
- N. Members of Executive are not eligible to enter Local sponsored draws or contests, nor are the members of the committee that sponsors the draw or contest.
- O. Committee members must provide a personal email address (that is checked regularly) to the Local.

4.1 Communications Committee

A. Membership

Six (6) members-at-large elected by the Council of Representatives and the Vice President, Communications, which is elected by the general membership.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Develop Local internal communications including member engagement and leadership development.
 - 2) Develop Local online communications for members.
 - 3) Liaise with other standing committees when needed to promote Local activities and events.
 - 4) Develop Local communication vehicle(s) which will be maintained and updated as necessary, and which is/are directed towards:
 - a) Providing objective reporting of Local activities and other developments of interest to members.
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- b) Providing a regular means of communication with membership for the President, the Executive, and other committees and groups within the Local.
 - c) Providing for viewpoints and expressions of opinion by the editorial staff, invited contributors, and readers.
 - d) Providing for profiles of personalities within the Local, the Association, and Edmonton Public Schools all within the constraints of good taste and the “Code of Professional Conduct” of the ATA.
 - e) Ensure that all communications conform to the goals of the Executive and Alberta Teachers’ Association policy.
- C. Meetings
Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.
- D. Quorum
The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of active committee members.
- E. Social Media
- 1) The Communications Committee will recommend to Executive an individual from Executive, including Executive staff, to act as the manager of any Local 37 social media sites or services.
 - 2) The President, the Chair of the committee, and a member of the Local Office Staff will also be given access rights to any Local 37 social media sites or services.
 - 3) Local 37 social media sites or services will be used only to provide information/engage in discussions/conversations on the Local or Local Events, information on the Alberta Teachers’ Association or Association events and positions (for example on-line professional discussions around ARA Resolutions) and other events believed to be relevant to members of the Local.
 - 4) Any discussion has to conform to ATA policy and the manager will be responsible to investigate and be familiar with ATA policy prior to making any statements on a given topic.
 - 5) Local 37 social media sites or services will not be used as personal communication tools.
 - 6) Political messages must be approved by the President and/or the Local’s Executive prior to being posted to Local 37 social media sites or services.
 - 7) The manager shall not be authorized to establish new Local 37 social media sites or services without the authorization of the Executive.

4.2 Diversity, Equity and Human Rights (DEHR) Committee

- A. Membership
Six (6) members-at-large selected by application process to the Executive Committee of the Local and the Chair, which is elected by the general membership. One of which will serve as Chair of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance.
- B. Function
The function of this committee shall be to:
- 1) Study and advise on matters of concern to the Local/ATA related to diversity, equity, and human rights issues in education.
 - 2) Make recommendations for coordinating with the work of the Local/ATA related to diversity, equity, and human rights initiatives.
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- 3) Maintain liaison with the other Local standing committees, ATA, Edmonton Public Schools, and school representatives.
- 4) Plan, organize and facilitate activities and events related to diversity, equity, and human rights issues.
- 5) Constitute ad hoc committees as needed in order to study and advise on matters of concern related to diversity, equity and human rights issues in education.
- 6) Maintain the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) - a safe space for all members and approved guests.

C. Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this subcommittee shall be a majority of active committee members.

4.3 Donations Committee

A. Membership

Five (5) members-at-large elected by the Council of Representatives and the Vice President of Finance, who is Chair of the Donations Committee elected by the general membership.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to administer the affairs of the Edmonton Public Teachers' Charity Trust Fund. The fund is built through donations by individual teachers.

C. Meetings

Notices of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of active committee members.

E. Dispersal of Fund

The fund consists of donations that are split into four categories and dispersed as follows:

- 1) Local programs that support Edmonton children and their families (70%).
- 2) General community support (25%).
- 3) Support international teachers in developing countries (3%).
- 4) A contingency fund for emergency responses that arise (2%).

F. Selection Criteria

The criteria for selection and the amount of donation is based on the evaluation of:

- 1) How this donation will enhance the quality of life for Edmonton students and/or their families.
 - 2) How the donation will impact the basic or educational needs of Edmonton students and families.
 - 3) What percentage of the donation amount supports the initiative and what percentage goes towards administrative costs.
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and the consideration of:

- 4) Whether the project is a new or existing initiative.
- 5) The scope of the project, how many individuals will be affected and how profoundly.
- 6) A breakdown of the budget for the initiative.

4.4 Finance Committee

A. Membership

Five (5) members-at-large elected by the Council of Representatives and the Vice President, Chair of Finance, elected by the general membership of the Local.

The Executive Staff Officer or designate shall be Secretary of this committee.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Act in an advisory capacity to the Executive, the Council of Representatives, and General Assemblies on matters related to the finances of the Local and the budgets of the ATA and GETCA.
- 2) Recommend to the Executive policies and procedures for control of the Local's finances.
- 3) Monitor the financial dealings of the Local on a regular basis.
- 4) Oversee the investment of Local funds in accordance with the advice of an investment advisor.
- 5) Prepare a draft budget for presentation, through Executive, to the Council of Representatives for its approval.
- 6) Prepare a recommendation to the Council of Representatives on all proposed expenditures additional to those covered in the approved budget.

C. Meetings

- 1) It shall be the duty of this committee to meet monthly September through June.
- 2) Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days prior to the meeting to all members except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of active committee members.

E. Email

All financial information is sent to personal emails and not through the Division email.

4.5 Member Wellness Committee

A. Membership

Eight (8) members-at-large elected by the Council of Representatives and the Chair, which is elected by the general membership.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Plan, organize and facilitate events to support the Local's community engagement.
 - 2) Plan, organize and facilitate seminars/information sessions on self-improvement, teacher wellness, and mental health.
 - 3) Oversee the operation of the Members' Benefit Fund.
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- 4) Have one member of the committee act as a liaison to monitor, support and regularly report on the activities of the Extended Disability Peer Support Group.
- 5) Plan, organize and facilitate the events and activities of the Local.

C. Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of active committee members.

4.5.1 Extended Disability Peer Support Group

A. Membership

- 1) The Steering Committee will consist of one (1) chair and two (2) vice-chairs that are active members of Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 and elected by the members of the Extended Disability Peer Support Group at the May meeting. The term of office shall be from July 1 until June 30 in the subsequent year. One Local Executive Staff Officer will serve as an ex-officio member.
- 2) General membership will be restricted to active members of the Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 on extended disability.

B. Function

The function of the group shall be to:

- 1) To offer moral support.
- 2) To provide an opportunity for questions and discussion on matters of individual and collective concerns.
- 3) To provide a forum for speakers from many fields of interest including but not limited to, ATA, EPSB, ASEBP, Revenue Canada.

C. Meetings

- 1) The Extended Disability Peer Support Group may meet monthly (September-June).
- 2) Notice of meetings shall be given at least one (1) week in advance of the meeting except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

4.6 Political Engagement Committee

A. Membership

Seven (7) members-at-large elected by the Council of Representatives and the Vice President, Political Engagement, elected by the general membership.

B. Function

The functions of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Establish, participate in and expand active networks of politically involved and engaged teachers.
- 2) Mobilize teachers to respond to emergent political situations.
- 3) Encourage ongoing political engagement.
- 4) Assist with capacity-building and training in citizen engagement.
- 5) Constitute ad hoc/task force committees as needed, to be approved by Executive.

C. Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except

that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of active committee members.

4.7 Professional Development Committee

A. Membership

Eight (8) members-at-large elected by the Council of Representatives and the Chair, which is elected by the general membership.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Plan, organize and facilitate PD activities based on the professional development needs of the membership.
- 2) Maintain liaison with the ATA, Edmonton Public Schools, GETCA, and the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium.
- 3) Provide leadership within the Local structure regarding professional development issues.

C. Meetings

Notices of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that, in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of active committee members.

4.8 Substitute Teachers' Committee

A. Membership

Six (6) substitute members-at-large elected at the last General Meeting of Substitutes in the school year and the Chair elected by and from substitute teachers employed by the Edmonton Public School Division.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Plan, organize and facilitate professional development activities among substitute teachers.
- 2) Represent, through Executive, the interests of substitute teachers.
- 3) Study and investigate matters related to substitute teachers referred to the committee by the Executive.
- 4) Make and present briefs to the Teacher Welfare Committee on behalf of substitute teachers when such an undertaking is approved at a Substitute Teachers' General Meeting.

C. Meetings

As needed to conduct the business. Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of the active committee members.

E. Election of Committee

The election of the committee shall be held at the last General Meeting of Substitutes in the school year. The term of office shall be from the date of election until the last General Meeting of Substitutes in the subsequent school year. If a teacher is removed from the substitute teachers' list, they will be required to resign, and a by-election be held.

For the purpose of determining eligibility to be a candidate or to vote in a Local election, a substitute teacher shall be defined as a teacher whose name appears on the Edmonton Public Schools' most recent Substitute Teacher list.

F. General Meetings

- 1) The Substitute Teachers' Committee shall convene no fewer than three (3) Substitute Teachers' General Meetings during the committee's term of office.
- 2) General Meetings should be spread out throughout the year, with the last meeting occurring no later than May 31.

4.9 Teacher Welfare Committee**A. Membership**

One member of the bargaining unit from each of the four divisions, and four members-at-large elected by the entire membership. A Local Staff Officer or designate shall be the non-voting secretary of both TWC and NSC. The District Representatives and those staff officers and consultants assigned from time to time to the TWC by the Alberta Teachers' Association shall be non-voting members. The President of the Local or appointee will act in an ex-officio capacity.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) provide information and opportunities to attend information sessions in relation to group insurance, maternity leave/parental leave/adoption leave, the retirement process, financial planning, sick leave and other collective agreement topics.
- 2) propose amendments, effect changes to the Local provisions of the collective agreement.
- 3) keep the Executive Committee, Council of Representatives and teachers of the bargaining unit informed on matters pertaining to the progress of central and Local negotiations.

C. Meetings

The committee shall meet on a regular basis throughout the school year.

Note: The Frame of Reference for the Teacher Welfare Committee is provided by The Alberta Teachers' Association and is ratified by Provincial Executive Council. Amendments must be proposed to PEC for approval. It will be Appendix A to this document.

4.10 Women in Leadership, Mentorship and Advocacy (WILMA) Ad Hoc Committee**A. Membership**

Seven (7) members who identify as female selected by application process to the Executive Committee consisting of four (4) members-at-large, two (2) representatives who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, plus the Chair, who is a member of and selected by the Executive Committee.

B. Function

The function of this committee shall be to:

- 1) Promote gender equality and women's participation in all aspects of a member's employment and Local/Association life.
- 2) Study, investigate and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters affecting women in/into leadership within public education and Edmonton.
- 3) Explore opportunities for mentorship.
- 4) Review relevant Association policy and submit recommendations to the Local's ARA Steering Committee.
- 5) Plan, organize and facilitate activities or events promoting women in positions of leadership.
- 6) Create subcommittees as needed for the purpose of carrying out its mandate.

C. Meetings

As needed to conduct the business. Notice of meetings shall be given at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting except that in special circumstances, shorter notice may be given.

D. Quorum

The quorum of this committee shall be a majority of the active committee members.

5. GENERAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF GETCA**A. Membership**

- 1) The Local shall maintain representation on the General Convention Committee (GCC) of the Greater Edmonton Teachers Convention Association (GETCA) in accordance with the terms and election cycle of the Constitution of GETCA.
- 2) The Council of Representatives shall elect representatives to the GCC of GETCA in accordance with the terms of the Constitution of GETCA.
- 3) In the event of an election, candidates running for positions on the GCC shall have the opportunity to submit a short bio highlighting their abilities and experience, of no more than 250 words, and a photo.

B. Function

All representatives of the Local to the GCC shall be responsible to the Council of Representatives of the Local.

It shall be the duty of this Local's representatives to represent the interests of the Local in the operation of the convention.

C. Meetings

The representatives shall meet in accordance with the Constitution of GETCA.

6. EDMONTON AREA AND CAMPUS SAINT-JEAN AREA FIELD EXPERIENCES COMMITTEES (EAFEC/CSJAFEC)

A. Membership

Edmonton Public Teachers are entitled to six (6) representatives on the Edmonton Area Field Experiences Committee (EAFEC) and one (1) representative on the Campus Saint-Jean Area Field Experiences Committee (CSJAFEC).

The Local will call for members interested in serving on EAFEC/CSJAFEC in April. A balanced list of representatives will be selected from the applicants by the Local Executive Staff Officer and forwarded to the Provincial Association.

7. COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

A. Directory of Council of Representatives

A list of representative names and schools shall be distributed at the October Council meeting.

B. Duration of Meetings

Regular meetings of the Council of Representatives shall start no later than 5:30 pm and continue for a maximum of 2.5 hours, unless extended by a majority vote of those present at the time. Notwithstanding situations when a regular Council meeting is preceded by a General Assembly, the business of the General Assembly shall be completed before the Council meeting begins.

C. Minutes of Meetings

Council minutes shall be a summary format which shall provide a record of actions taken and the essence of major points covered in debate. A recording of the meeting is made, at the time, as a memory aid in preparation of the minutes. Once the minutes are approved, the recording is deleted.

D. Question Period

Question Period provides an opportunity for Council representatives to pose questions about matters not included on the Council Agenda. Question Period is 15 minutes unless Council, by a majority vote, approves an extension. Questions may be directed to EPSB Representatives, Local Executive Staff, or Association Representatives.

Questions asked at the microphone are public record. If preferred, questions can be emailed to the office ahead of time, forwarded to your Council representative, or appropriate elected Member Representative or given to the President to read from the podium. Council representatives are reminded that the *Code of Professional Conduct* must always be adhered to.

Questions pertaining to individual concerns should be directed to Local and ATA staff on a confidential basis.

E. Report on Actions

The purpose of this report is to provide the information upon which Council can hold Executive accountable. Accordingly, prior to approval of this report Council may, by motion and two-thirds (2/3) majority, vote to (where feasible) reverse or amend a decision made by Executive.

F. Representatives**1) Election**

Representatives should be elected before the first Council meeting of the school year in their decision unit as outlined in the Local Constitution clause 9.1.

2) Representatives shall:

- a) Attend meetings of the Council of Representatives or to ensure that a duly elected alternate representative is in attendance.
- b) Bring to the Council of Representatives concerns raised by staff.
- c) Ensure that members are kept informed about current activities and matters of the ATA, at both the Local and the Provincial levels.
- d) Inform or direct members of their staff to reliable sources of information about matters such as pension, group insurance benefits, grievance procedures, teachers' rights and responsibilities, local and provincial policies and mechanisms for dealing with problems related to professional practice of professional relationships.
- e) Serve a mentorship role by encouraging teachers who demonstrate a strong interest in an issue or an ability to articulate the concerns of their colleagues to become actively involved in the affairs of the Local.
- f) Serve as Returning Officer for the decision unit and ensure that Local elections are conducted using the procedures established by the Executive Committee.

3) Communications Representative shall:

- a) Distribute communications received from the Local to the Council of Representatives and teachers.
- b) Place an ATA item on the agenda of each staff meeting and use the opportunity to report on meetings of the Council of Representatives and to discuss current issues or alternatively call an ATA meeting for members at the site.
- c) Provide access to information on both Local and Association websites.
- d) Encourage a full complement of representatives from the school attends each Council of Representatives meeting.

G. Observer Status at Council of Representatives meetings

- 1) Members wishing to attend a Council of Representatives meeting shall seek permission of the Local President at least 72 hours before the meeting.
 - 2) Observers shall be provided copies of the meeting agenda and may be provided copies of reports and other documents as deemed appropriate by the President.
 - 3) Participation at a Council of Representatives meeting, such as debating, making motions, asking questions and voting, is restricted to elected representatives only. Observers will not be active participants. Observers may raise matters with the Local President after the meeting.
 - 4) The number of observers may be restricted, depending on space available.
 - 5) Observers will be required to sign up on the designated platform after receiving permission to attend from the Local President.
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8. ELECTIONS

A. Local Involvement in ATA Elections

Upon request, and to the fullest extent possible without disruption to normal office operations, the facilities of the Local's office will be made equally available to all candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, or Edmonton McMurray District Representative for services such as school address labels, printing, mail handling, etc.

B. Executive Committee Elections

- 1) At a meeting of the General Assembly or of the Council of Representatives held prior to the election of the Executive, time shall be allotted to allow candidates for all positions on the Executive Committee to present their platform and to answer questions from the floor.
- 2) All candidates may submit, in accordance with the specified deadline, a pre-recorded election video produced by them, a small digital photo and campaign material on one side of an 8.5" x 11" sheet which shall be printed and distributed by the Local office to sites on the basis of the site's number of Council representatives. This is the only print item that each candidate will be allowed to distribute. A link to the poster and candidate speeches will be posted on the Local's website. Substitute teachers who have forwarded their information and indicated that they wish to receive Local information by mail will be provided with the materials.
- 3) A majority of the Local's Returning Officers shall make any decisions regarding the interpretation or operation of Local Elections.

C. Local Standing Committee Elections

- 1) Election of Standing Committees should take place at the last Council of Representatives meeting of the school year. Every effort shall be made to recruit standing committee members
 - a) not serving on other Local committees, and
 - b) providing representation across the membership.
 - 2) Standing Committee terms shall mirror the term of the Executive Committee, excluding Chair of TWC. Should a standing committee member wish to not continue into the following year, they may indicate this, in writing, to the committee chair.
 - 3) Candidates running for positions on Local Standing Committees shall have the opportunity to be introduced at the meeting at which the election takes place. In the event of an election, candidates shall have the opportunity to submit a short bio of no more than 250 words highlighting their abilities and experience, and a small digital photo.
 - 4) All candidates for elected positions shall be informed of number of votes received for each candidate, where possible.
 - 5) In the event of a vacancy occurring on a standing committee, the Council of Representatives shall have the authority to fill the vacancy as it deems best, unless Council is not scheduled to meet in the next 30 days. In the event Council does not meet within 30 days, Executive will recruit and fill the vacancy.
 - 6) The Returning Officers, as named in the Local's constitution, shall be responsible for arranging for the election of Standing Committee members, ARA delegates, and GETCA representatives and shall act as scrutineers for vote counting.
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9. EXECUTIVE

A. Agendas/Meetings

Executive meets on a schedule which it approves, generally involving a meeting two weeks before each meeting of the Council of Representatives. When a second meeting is required to complete unfinished business, the agenda for the second meeting begins at the point of cessation at the previous meeting.

B. Executive Committee Member Attendance

Attendance on an intermittent basis without reasonable cause or consent may result in the position being declared vacant by a motion of the committee. The member shall be informed by the President of the committee's decision. If a member cannot attend the scheduled meeting, they must let the President and the Local office know.

C. Minutes

Executive Minutes are not intended to provide a verbatim record of proceedings but rather to provide a record of actions taken and the major points covered in debate. Minutes become official only when they have been submitted subject to correction for error or omission and approved at a subsequent meeting. A recording of the meeting is made, at the time, as a memory aid in preparation of the minutes. Once the minutes are approved, the recording is deleted.

D. Recording of Individual Votes

- 1) Executive members' votes on substantive issues shall be recorded.
- 2) The determination of when an issue is "substantive" is left for the chair or the Executive as each issue arises.
- 3) When it is determined that an issue is "substantive," then the vote shall be recorded in the Minutes using the form "CARRIED, Brown abstaining, Green opposed."
- 4) Executive members may request that a vote on non-substantive issues be by secret ballot.

E. Communication of Executive Proceedings

- 1) Authority to speak on behalf of the Executive or the Local rests solely with the President, or with the individuals whom the President may designate as spokespersons on occasions.
- 2) Executive members have the right and the obligation to inform members of the Local, on request, how they personally voted on any given issue in Executive.

F. Right of Dissent

- 1) It is the right of any Executive member to dissent from any position taken by the majority.
- 2) Individuals so dissenting have a responsibility to request that their opposition to the majority view be recorded in the minutes before making their opposition known outside of the Committee.

G. Recommendations to Council of Representatives or General Assembly

Executive refers matters to Council of Representatives or a General Assembly for decision in the same way that committees refer matters to Executive for decision. Sometimes such referrals are made because the Constitution or policy requires that the senior body make the decision; sometimes they are referred simply by choice. In either case, there are three forms in which such referrals can be made.

- 1) The matter can be referred so that the body making the referral remains neutral. This is done by means of a motion of the type:
RESOLVED, that the Proposed Amendments be referred to the General Assembly without recommendation.
 - 2) The matter can be referred so that the body making the referral indicates that it is opposed. This is done by means of a motion of the type:
RESOLVED, that it be recommended to Council that it not approve the requested increase in the Local levy.
 - 3) The matter can be referred so that the body making the referral indicates that it is in support. This is done by means of a motion of the type:
RESOLVED, that it be recommended that Council approve the proposed operating budget.
- H. Closed Session
- 1) When Executive is dealing with personnel matters, or when an issue under debate is sensitive, Executive shall move into closed session.
 - 2) While in closed session, proceedings are strictly confidential to Executive; no minutes are kept, and no action can be taken.
 - 3) A motion to move out of closed session is necessary before proceedings are once again recorded in the minutes and action can be taken.
- I. Adjournment Time
- 1) Executive meetings normally commence at 5:00 pm and are automatically adjourned at 8:00 pm, unless extended by a majority vote of the members in attendance.
 - 2) Motions to extend beyond 8:00 pm may set a new adjournment time or may be for the time required to deal with a particular item or items.
- J. Executive Professional Development Fund
- 1) All members of the Executive, exclusive of the Executive Staff Officer(s) and the President, have the right to have access to the Executive Professional Development Fund.
 - 2) A member of Executive may be given an opportunity to attend *one* individual professional development activity, relevant to the work of the Local, during that budget year.
 - 3) Consideration of approval of attendance shall be on a *first come, first served basis* to the limit of the budget available based on the Professional Development Application Form. Applications must be received at least 14 days prior to the proposed activity.
 - 4) Application for attendance shall be made to Table Officers.
 - 5) Money will be allocated through the annual budgetary processes of the Local to support Executive professional development.
 - 6) The Executive Committee will develop priorities to guide the use of the fund based on the needs of the Local.
 - 7) Where possible, at least one PD activity in each year will involve a majority of members of the Executive Committee.
 - 8) Executive members may apply to attend professional development that supports the priorities of the Local or their own role as an Executive member.
 - 9) The appeal process consists of the member of the Executive Committee explaining their rationale to the Executive Committee which will then rule whether or not the proposed professional development activity or expense is reasonable and justified.
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- 10) Executive members who attend a professional development activity who have accessed the Executive Professional Development Fund must submit to Executive Committee an Activity Report within 90 days of completion of the PD Activity.
 - 11) Substitute costs will be covered, if necessary, by the Executive Professional Development Fund.
 - 12) Expense claims must be submitted on the Local expense claim form within 90 days of the completion of the professional development activity.
- K. President's Professional Development Fund
- 1) The purpose of the fund is to provide an opportunity for the President to access professional development/support that will support their work as President or for transition back to the Board.
 - 2) The Finance Committee will create and maintain a budget line reflecting the President's Professional Development Fund in the amount of not more than \$7,000 per term served.
 - 3) The fund is accessible during the President's term or during the first school year after the President leaves office.
 - 4) The choice of professional development activity is made at the President's discretion after consultation with Table Officers.
 - 5) Any funds not used will remain in the budget line which will be replenished to the original amount for the use of the next President.
- L. Observer Status at the Executive Meetings
- 1) Members wishing to attend an Executive meeting shall notify the Local President at least 48 hours before the meeting:
 - 2) Observers shall be provided copies of the meeting agenda and may be provided copies of reports and other documents as deemed appropriate by the President.
 - 3) Participation at an Executive meeting, such as debating, making motions, asking questions and voting, is restricted to members of the Executive only. Observers will not participate. Observers may raise matters with Executive members after the meeting.
 - 4) Observers are required to leave an Executive meeting when it is in closed session.
 - 5) The number of observers may be restricted, depending on space available.
- M. Accommodation of a Leave Granted by the Division
- 1) Members of Executive may apply to Table Officers, through a Local Executive Staff Officer, for accommodation of the leave granted by the Division due to illness, maternity/parental needs or compassionate reasons.
 - 2) The staff officer will present the application and a recommendation to Table Officers while maintaining the confidentiality of the member. Table Officers will accept or reject the recommendation.
 - 3) If the accommodation of the leave is granted, it shall be in effect for the duration of the leave or the remainder of the term, whichever occurs first.
 - 4) When the accommodation of a leave is granted, Table Officers will recommend to Executive one of the following options:
 - a) appointment of a temporary replacement to fill the position, or
 - b) that the position remains vacant.
 - 5) Allowance and honoraria named in Section 8.F. will be subject to proration when positions are held for part of a year due to vacancies or accommodated absences.
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The proration will be calculated as follows:

Prorated allowance or honoraria = (annual dollar amount × number of months) ÷ 12

10. MEMBER REPRESENTATION GROUPS

A. Membership

All active members are associated with a member representation group (Division I, Division II, Division III, Division IV, Non-school based, Principal) and elect their representative to the Executive Committee during the general election held every two years.

B. Function

The function of the group(s) shall be to meet as necessary to pursue matters which are of interest to the member representation group(s) and to represent these interests to the committees or assemblies of the Local.

C. Meetings

1) Meetings may be called

- a) by the member representative on the Executive Committee;
- b) by the divisional representative on the Teacher Welfare Committee;
- c) on petition of any twenty (20) members of the member representation group; or
- d) as directed by the Teacher Welfare Committee or Executive Committee.

2) If a meeting is called, notices of same, together with the agenda, shall be provided to an authorized representative at each decision unit of the division six (6) operational days in advance of the meeting.

D. General

Each member representation group shall have the right to formulate recommendations, resolutions, and to serve notice of motion to the Council of Representatives.

11. FINANCES

A. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Local shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the calendar year following.

B. Fees

Until changed pursuant to Section 5 of the Local's Constitution, the annual amount of the supplementary fee payable by active members on contract shall be \$126, of which a portion is the convention fee, set by the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention Association (GETCA) Board, payable GETCA. Active members not on contract shall not pay a supplementary levy.

C. Expenditures

- 1) Expenditures of the Local shall be paid on the basis of a budget drawn up by the Finance Committee and submitted, through the Executive Committee, for approval by the Council of Representatives.
- 2) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to pay, in accordance with the terms of the Local's budget, individuals or members for services rendered to the Local, or for expenses incurred while on the business of the Local.

- 3) There shall be an annual independent audit of the funds of the Local at a time set by the Finance Committee. The annual audited statement of the Local’s funds shall be presented to the Executive Committee and the Council of Representatives at a meeting following the receipt of the audited statements.

D. Perusal of Expenses

- 1) Bills related to the Report on Expenditures shall be provided to the Finance Committee for perusal and approval.
- 2) A statement of all expenditures authorized by the Executive Committee, and reviewed by the Finance Committee, shall be presented to the Council of Representatives at each of its regular meetings. An itemized breakdown of an expenditure shall be provided to the Council of Representatives on request.

E. Budget

- 1) Any initiative which had not been considered in the formulation of the annual budget approved by the Council of Representatives which causes an over expenditure in the amount of 10% or \$1,000 of a budget line, whichever is the greater amount, must be approved by the Council of Representatives.
- 2) Wherever feasible, motions dealing with expenditures of money not included in the annual budget must first be referred to the Finance Committee before consideration by the Council of Representatives.
- 3) The Local uses the cash method of accounting (one of the approved methods under Generally Accepted Accounting Practices) which records revenue when cash is received, and expenses when they are paid in cash.

F. Investment of Reserves

- 1) The Finance Committee is responsible for authorizing the selection, purchase, and sale of the Local’s investments of its reserve funds.
- 2) Investment transactions undertaken by the Finance Committee shall be reported to the Executive.

G. Schedule of Expenses for Committees

- 1) Executive annual allowances are based on a percentage of the minimum principal’s allowance as specified in the Collective Agreement.

Executive Position	Allowance
President	An annual allowance of \$32,500, or their current allowance, whichever is greater.
Vice Presidents (3)	25% of the minimum principal’s allowance
Past President	25% of the minimum principal’s allowance
Member Group Representatives	12% of the minimum principal’s allowance An additional 5% of the minimum principal’s allowance will be paid to the member group representatives serving as the GETCA liaison or the WILMA Chair
Standing Committee Chairs—DEHR; Member Wellness; PD; Substitute Teachers; TWC	17% of the minimum principal’s allowance

- 2) The President shall also receive an annual automobile allowance in the amount of \$3,000.
- 3) The President shall be reimbursed for a cell phone plan to a maximum of \$100 per month.
- 4) The President shall receive an annual maximum of \$3,000 to attend the ATA's annual uLead Conference.
- 5) All committee members (including ad hoc, subcommittee, steering and joint committees) shall receive an honorarium of \$50 for each meeting attended to an annual maximum of \$500.
- 6) Committee members serving on more than one committee will receive \$50 per meeting attended to a combined annual maximum of \$750.
- 7) Executive members shall not receive additional honoraria.
- 8) Eligible Council of Representatives members shall receive \$30 per meeting attended, payable in June.
- 9) Members named as the Communication Representative, by the deadline set by the Local, will receive \$50 annually to be paid in June.
- 10) The rate of reimbursement for kilometrage for committee members required to travel for Local business will be adjusted effective July 1 of each year informed by the automobile allowance rate established by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for that calendar year. In cases where the CRA provides a range, the Local will provide for reimbursement at the mid-point of this range.

12. MEMBERS' BENEFIT FUND

- A. The purpose of the Members' Benefit Fund is to provide financial assistance to members of the Edmonton Public Teachers' Local who:
 - 1) Exhaust their sick leave entitlement prior to the time that they become eligible for long-term disability benefits, or
 - 2) Find themselves in exceptional circumstances which create financial hardship.
- B. The Member Wellness Committee shall administer all disbursements from the Fund.
- C. The administrators of the Fund will provide the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee with an annual report on all disbursements from the Fund.
- D. A committee consisting of the elected Table Officers of the Local will serve as final arbiter of disputes related to the administration of the Fund.
- E. Any teacher who is a member under the terms of the Collective Agreement between the Edmonton Public School Board and the Alberta Teachers' Association is eligible to apply for benefits from the Fund.

The maximum benefit to any individual teacher from this Fund shall be limited to a career maximum of \$8,000.

- F. Operating Procedures for the Members' Benefit Fund.
 - 1) Applications for benefits shall be directed to the designated Local Executive Staff Officer.
 - 2) Local staff shall make every effort to keep the identity of applicants confidential from the Member Wellness Committee.
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- 3) Claims on the Members' Benefit Fund will normally be honored only after expenses have actually been incurred or salary has actually been lost.
- 4) The Members' Benefit Fund Operating Procedures shall be reviewed annually by the Member Wellness Committee.
- 5) The Member Wellness Committee shall distribute information about the Members' Benefit Fund to members of the Local on an annual basis.

13. SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- A. The costs and organization of any locally sponsored seminars and workshops are the responsibility of a Standing Committee of the Local, an ad hoc committee of the Local, the Executive, or the Council of Representatives.
- B. Seminars and workshops may be provided on a cost-recovery basis from attendees for any costs beyond facility rentals and light refreshments.
- C. Speakers, presenters and/or organizations contracted on behalf of the Local by Standing Committees, ad hoc committees, Executive or the Council of Representatives must be approved by the Executive Staff Officer(s) and/or President of the Local. Any contract entered into on behalf of the Local must be signed by the President or their designate.

14. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. Local Appreciation Event
The Local shall hold an annual appreciation event to include all members of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees of the Local and invited guests identified by the Table Officers.
 - B. Retiring Teachers' Banquet
 - 1) The price of tickets shall be the actual cost of the meal, and the Local shall underwrite any additional expenses.
 - 2) The cost of the following complimentary tickets shall be charged as a Retiring Teachers' Banquet expense.
 - Two tickets to each retiring teacher
 - Edmonton Public Teachers Member Wellness Committee
 - President of Edmonton Public Teachers and guest
 - Vice Presidents of Edmonton Public Teachers and guests
 - Past President of Edmonton Public Teachers and guest
 - Local Staff Officer(s), Edmonton Public Teachers and guest
 - Edmonton McMurray District Representatives (no guests)
 - President or designate from The Alberta Teachers' Association and guest
 - Chair, Edmonton Public School Board and guest
 - Superintendent, Edmonton Public School Board and guest
 - President of the Edmonton Chapter of the Retired Teachers' Association and guest
 - Presidents of CUPE Locals 474, 784, and 3550 and guest
 - C. Teachers' Social Events
The Member Wellness Committee shall organize and host social events at various venues for all interested Edmonton Public Teachers.
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- D. New Teacher Induction
Plans for each year's new teacher induction shall be made by the President and the Table Officers.

15. STUDENT RECOGNITION

- A. Student Art Display
- 1) Twelve items of art that represent the work of students at all levels will be selected annually for exhibiting in the Local's office during the following school year.
 - 2) Work will be selected on the basis of artistic merit, interest, and balance with respect to age and ability levels of students.
 - 3) The selected works will be framed at the Local's expense and returned, in that form, to the students following the display period. Photos will be posted at a future Council of Representatives meeting.
- B. Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs (SUNIA) Scholarships
- 1) Social Studies department in each of the district's high schools may name two students as recipients of the Local's annual scholarship to attend SUNIA.
 - 2) Students who have been selected to receive the scholarship will have their name and 150-word bio provided to Council members at a future Council of Representatives meeting.

16. SUMMER CONFERENCE

- A. In selecting delegates to the ATA annual Summer Conference, the following criteria shall apply:
- 1) Give priority to members who have not previously taken the same course and meet ATA criteria.
 - 2) Give priority to members serving on related committees in the upcoming year.
 - 3) Adhere to other limits set by the Association.
- B. The Executive may make recommendations for the Local's delegation to Summer Conference after the election of Standing Committees. The President shall be responsible for filling the positions as required.
- C. Delegates to Summer Conference held in person shall be paid \$2,210. Delegates are expected to attend all sessions. Should a delegate be absent for a portion of Summer Conference, their cheques will be withheld pending review by Table Officers within one week of Summer Conference.
- D. Delegates to Summer Conference held virtually will receive \$250 for each day of the conference. Delegates are expected to attend all sessions. Should a delegate be absent for a portion of Summer Conference, their cheques will be withheld pending review by Table Officers within one week of Summer Conference.
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17. TABLE OFFICERS

- A. The Table Officers Committee acts as the group that oversees business coming to Executive, or to which Executive may refer business items for the purpose of preparing recommendations for Executive actions or decisions.
- 1) In some instances, when time is of the essence or when it may not be possible or necessary to convene a full Executive meeting, the Table Officers Committee can be delegated by Executive to decide or act on particular matters.
 - 2) The group of elected Table Officers has responsibility for approving the recommendations of the President with regard to changes in the Office Staff Agreement or the reclassification of office staff.
 - 3) The Table Officers may, as a function of their office and when directly related to their duties, and in the interest of the Local, host official guests and be reimbursed by the Local for reasonable expenses so incurred.
 - 4) Claims for reimbursement must be submitted within 15 days of the expenditure and no later than June 15.
 - 5) The cost of such hosting shall be charged to the budget of the committee of the official concerned.

18. PROTOCOL FOR HOSTING JOINT SESSIONS WITH OTHER LOCALS

The Local recognizes the value of working cooperatively and collaboratively with other Locals and their committees to achieve common goals, effectively utilize resources, and build collegial relationships. To ensure that these ventures are successful, the following guidelines are proposed.

- A. The Committee passes a motion approving the joint participation of the proposed activity or event including information such as the contact person in each participating Local, cost sharing, responsibilities and expectations of each participating Local, and timeline for items such as information dissemination, registration, etc.
- B. The Executive member involved applies to the Executive Committee with the proposed event or activity and shares information regarding the full extent of the Committee's involvement and obligations. The Executive Committee shall make the final decision after considering all benefits to, or implications for, the Local.
- C. Any information to be disseminated bearing the name or logo of the Local must be approved by the President of the Local.
- D. The President shall establish timelines for disseminating information within the Local.
- E. The Committee, through the participating Executive member, must report to the Executive Committee on the joint event or activity including information such as number of attendees, successful aspects, and suggested changes if the event or activity were to be repeated.
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