

Article 7: Organization of Governance

Current:

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- a. General Meeting of the Members
 - i. An annual general meeting shall be held each spring and open to all members.
 - ii. Notice of meetings shall be at least 10 teaching days.
 - iii. A quorum shall consist of North West Teachers' Association members present at a meeting.
 - iv. A general meeting can be called through one of the following processes:
 1. The executive is able to call a special meeting through a majority vote.
 2. The SSL assembly is able to call a general meeting through a majority vote.
 3. A petition signed by one quarter of the local association's members will result in a general meeting.
 - v. At the annual general meeting, members will:
 1. Approve fees and annual budgets.
 2. Approve audited financial statements and select auditor for the following year.
 3. Approve proposed amendments to the constitution
 4. Elect the executive.
 5. Approve the appointment of the secretary and the treasurer as recommended by the president-elect.
 6. Hear reports from the executive.
 7. Approve honoraria.
- b. SSL Assembly Meetings
 - i. The SSL assembly consists of school staff liaisons selected by each school, one selected by in-scope members employed in central office and the executive.
 - ii. At least five SSL assembly meetings shall be held through the year.
 - iii. A petition signed by one quarter of the of the SSL assembly members will result in a meeting of the SSL assembly.
 - iv. A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of the SSL assembly.
 - v. At an SSL assembly meeting, members will:

1. Approve draft budgets and financial statements for consideration by members.
 2. Approve expenditures of the association.
 3. Adopt/modify policies.
 4. Establish ad hoc committees and terms of reference for them.
 5. Consider committee reports and recommendations.
 6. Consider reports and information from educational partners and the STF.
 7. Approve resolutions to be considered by the STF Council.
- vi. All members of the local association are invited to attend the SSL Assembly as guests.
 - vii. Only school staff liaisons or their replacement are able to vote.
- c. Executive
- i. The executive shall consist of president, vice-president, councillors, secretary, treasurer, past president, PD committee chairperson, PR committee chairperson and LINC committee chairperson.
 - ii. The Executive shall meet at the call of the President or by its own motion. At least 10 teaching days' notice shall be given to members of the Executive of the time and place of a meeting of the Executive. Members of the Executive may waive notice of the meeting.
 - iii. A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of the executive.
 - iv. At least five executive meetings shall be held through the year which may or may not coincide with SSL assembly meetings.
 - v. At an executive meeting, members will:
 1. Manage and regulate the activities of the local association.
 2. Appoint members to or remove members from the PD committee and PR committee.
 3. Receive proposed constitutional amendments and present them to a general meeting.

STF Recommendations: (January 2020)

a.iii – there should be a minimum limit for quorum, in the instance only one person showed up. Rewrite as “... shall consist of at least 20 members of ...”

iv.2 – a majority vote of all members of the Assembly. ?

V4 – Association Executive

BV4 – Recommend rewording: Establish ad hoc committees and their respective terms of reference.

C – Association Executive

STF Template: (2022)

The governing bodies of the Association consist of the following:

1. General Meeting of the Members
 - a. Number of meetings per year. At least one meeting is required on an annual basis and shall be considered the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. Provision for a special meeting if circumstances warrant
 - c. Authority and responsibilities
 - d. Quorum
 - e. Notwithstanding VI.1.a, the executive may, in exigent circumstances, delay, postpone or reschedule the Annual General Meeting to a date, place and time to be determined by the executive.
2. Representative Assembly
 - a. Composition
 - b. Number of meetings per year
 - c. Authority and responsibilities
 - d. Quorum
 - e. Notwithstanding VI.2.b, the executive may, in exigent circumstances, delay, postpone or reschedule a meeting of the Representative Assembly to a date, place and time to be determined by the executive.
3. Executive
 - a. The executive of the Association includes the following officers:
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice-President
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer/Secretary-Treasurer
 - iv. Councillors
 - v. LINC Chair
 - vi. Communications Chair
 - vii. PD/Convention Chair
 - viii. Such other officers as the local constitution may require
 - b. Authority and responsibilities
 - c. Minimum number of meetings per year
 - d. Quorum

Local Suggestions & Feedback:

- Looks good
- Minimum number for attendance?
- 20?
- Past president? Needed?