

CON 2021-1

BIRT that the following article be inserted regarding Electronic Meetings: (2/3)

X Electronic Meetings

X.x As necessary, meetings of the Bargaining Unit membership, executive, or committees may be held electronically. Under no circumstances can any part of the electronic meeting be recorded.

Rationale: Required due to the current restrictions and future pandemic and/or emergency restrictions on in-person meetings placed upon the membership.

BYL 2021-1

BIRT the following bylaw be inserted regarding Electronic Meetings: (1/2) ***[if CON 2021-1 fails, this motion will be ruled out of order]***

X.x Electronic Meeting: Platform

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

X.x The designated platform must support anonymous voting and support 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 log in to satisfy the process of verification of membership of meeting participants

X.x These 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: 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 shall open at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting

X.x.x Members shall login, identify themselves, and maintain internet and audio connection throughout the meeting when present but shall sign out upon any departure prior to adjournment.

X.x.x Quorum shall be as designated as per the constitution bylaw.

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 using the Private Chat feature of the platform. 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) must be displayed to the membership until it is disposed of.

X.x.x Votes shall be anonymous and 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: Required due to the current restrictions and future pandemic and/or emergency restrictions on in-person meetings placed upon the membership.

BYL 2021-2

BIRT Bylaw 7.1.10 be deleted. (1/2)

Rationale: Redundant – the BU President represents the bargaining unit at DEC as per Bylaw 8.1.12.