

Political Action Committee

Frame of Reference

1. General Directive

The responsibility of the Political Action Committee is to promote an awareness of the Local and the Provincial political scenes and provide teachers with opportunities to get politically involved in order to benefit the teaching profession.

2. Membership

The membership of the committee shall be:

2.1 The Political Action Committee shall consist of nine voting members.

2.1.1 A Chair shall be elected by the general membership.

2.1.2 The Past Chair of the Committee.

2.1.2.1 Should the Past Chair be unable or unwilling to serve, an additional Member at large shall be elected by the Council of School Representatives.

2.1.3 One District Representative (non-voting).

2.1.4 Six Members at large.

2.1.5 One member appointed from the Communications Committee.

3. Elections

3.1 The Chair shall be elected every two years and may serve two consecutive two-year terms.

3.2 Members at large shall be elected by the Council of School Representatives from the membership of the Local Association: three in even years and three in odd years.

3.3 Should a member cease to be a member, a by-election will be held in order to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unfilled term.

4. Tenure

The term of office shall be two years.

5. Duties and Responsibilities

5.1 At the initial meeting of the new school year the committee shall review the *Frame of Reference*.

5.2 The Chair shall:

- 5.2.1 serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member, and
- 5.2.2 attend all meetings called by the Provincial Association for Local Political Engagement Officers.

5.3 The Committee shall:

- 5.3.1 promote an awareness in and involvement among teachers concerning the Local Association and Provincial political scenes,
- 5.3.2 provide opportunities for involvement among teachers in the Local and Provincial political scenes,
- 5.3.3 make recommendations regarding appropriate political activities to the Executive Committee and the Council of School Representatives,
- 5.3.4 report on a monthly basis to the Council of School Representatives on concerns and activities related to political activity,
- 5.3.5 execute political activities approved by the Executive Committee or the Council of School Representatives, and
- 5.3.6 provide liaison as requested by Executive Committee and the Council of School Representatives between the Local Association and the Government Program Area of the Provincial Association.

6. Meetings

- 6.1 Regular meetings of the committee shall be held once a month.
- 6.2 Additional meetings shall be called at the request of the Chair or Executive Committee.
- 6.3 Should a member miss three meetings within one school year without reasonable cause, a motion to declare the position open for election shall be placed on the agenda of the meeting following the third absence.

7. Quorum

Quorum for this committee shall be five members.

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