



**Constitution
And
By-Laws
Of
District 25
Ottawa-Carleton
Educational Assistants' Bargaining Unit**

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1 Definitions

- 1.1 In this constitution:
- 1.1.1 "O.S.S.T.F." shall mean the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.
- 1.1.2 "O.S.S.T.F. District 25" shall mean the O.S.S.T.F. body which represents the O.S.S.T.F. Members employed by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.
- 1.1.3 "E.A.B.U." and/or Unit shall mean Educational Assistants' Bargaining Unit of O.S.S.T.F. District 25.
- 1.1.4 "Member" shall mean an Active Member of this O.S.S.T.F. District 25 Bargaining Unit.
- 1.1.5 "AGM" shall mean the Annual General Meeting of the Bargaining Unit.
- 1.1.6 "Constitution" shall mean a system of fundamental principles according to which the Bargaining Unit is governed, and includes the basic organization of the Bargaining Unit and shall not contravene the Constitution of the O.S.S.T.F. or O.S.S.T.F. District 25.
- 1.1.7 "By-Laws" shall mean the standing rules governing the members of the Bargaining Unit; the By-laws of the Bargaining Unit shall not contravene the By-Laws of the O.S.S.T.F. or O.S.S.T.F. District 25.
- 1.1.8 "Policy" shall mean a stand or position formally adopted by the O.S.S.T.F.
- 1.1.9 "Workplace" shall mean any place where an active member of the Bargaining Unit is employed.
- 1.1.10 "Workplace Representative" shall mean a member of O.S.S.T.F, who has been elected, when possible or appointed by the other members at their workplace. It is the duty of the "Workplace Representative" to act as a liaison between workplace members and the Unit Executive and Council and to carry out such additional duties as laid down in the Provincial Handbook of O.S.S.T.F.

Article 2 Name

- 2.1 The name of this organization shall be the O.S.S.T.F. District 25 Educational Assistants Bargaining Unit.

Article 3 **Objectives**

- 3.1 The Objectives of the organization shall be:
 - 3.1.1 To uphold the Objectives of the OS.S.T.F. and at the O.S.S.T.F. District 25 as outlined in their respective constitutions;
 - 3.1.2 To represent fairly, the interests and concerns of its members with respect to their terms and conditions of employment by means of consultation and/or collective bargaining with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board; and
 - 3.1.3 To establish reasonable By-Laws and Policy governing its members which shall not contravene those established by the O.S.S.T.F.

Article 4 **Membership**

- 4.1 Members shall be all persons who are members of the Bargaining Unit described in Article 1.1.3.

Article 5 **Dues**

- 5.1 Dues shall be as prescribed by the By-Laws of the O.S.S.T.F. The Bargaining Unit shall have the authority to levy an additional amount for the express purpose of funding, in whole or in part, the time release of Bargaining Unit Officer(s) as described in the By-Laws.

Article 6 **Bargaining Unit Organization**

6.1 **Bargaining Unit Executive**

- 6.1.1 There shall be a Bargaining Unit Executive consisting of the following voting members:

- President
- 1st Vice-President
- 2nd Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Chief Negotiator
- Communications Officer
- Educational Services Officer (Professional Development)
- Past President
- Executive Officers (2)

6.1.2 The Bargaining Unit Executive shall ensure that representatives from within the Bargaining Unit are elected or appointed to represent the Bargaining Unit at other O.S.S.T.F. organizations or meetings as determined by the Constitutions and By-Laws of O.S.S.T.F. and O.S.S.T.F. District 25; these representatives shall include, but not be limited to:

- representatives to the O.S.S.T.F. A.M.P.A.
- representatives to O.S.S.T.F. District 25 meetings as specified in the O.S.S.T.F. District 25 Constitution.

6.1.3 No member of the Bargaining Unit shall hold more than one position on the Bargaining Unit Executive except where a vacancy is not able to be filled by the Executive.

6.2 **Bargaining Unit Standing Committee**

6.2.1 There shall be a Collective Bargaining Committee comprised of up to twelve (12) members, in addition to the President and the Chief Negotiator.

6.2.2 There may be other Standing Committees as designated in the By-Laws; and Ad Hoc Committees as the Bargaining Unit Executive may deem necessary.

6.3 **Bargaining Unit General Meeting**

6.3.1 There shall be a Bargaining Unit Annual Meeting held during the month of May at the call of the President with a minimum of twenty (20) days notice to the members.

6.3.2 There may be other Special General Meetings as outlined in the By-Laws.

Article 7 Time Release Officer Salaries

7.1 Subject to the approval of the Budget, the Bargaining Unit shall provide for full-time release for the President and the Chief Negotiator (The Chief Negotiator's time release shall be reduced to half-time at any time the Bargaining Unit membership FTE drops below 500).

7.2 The Salary and Benefits of any time release officer of the Bargaining Unit Executive shall be the Salary and Benefits which would normally have been paid by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board to the particular individual during their time of office.

7.3 In addition, the President shall receive an Honorarium.

7.4 The President's Honorarium must appear as a line item in the Budget.

Article 8 By-Laws

8.1 The Bargaining Unit may pass By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution or existing By-Laws concerning the proper conduct and management of its business.

Article 9 **Amendments**

9.1 Amendments to this Constitution may only be made at the Bargaining Units' Annual General Meeting;

- (a) by a two-thirds vote of the members qualified to vote, present and voting – provided that notice of the proposed amendments shall have been given to the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting, and circulated to the members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting;
- (b) by a nine-tenths vote of the members qualified to vote, present and voting, where such notice has not been given.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 1 **Duties of Members**

- 1.1 It shall be the duty of members to comply with the Constitutions and By-laws of the O.S.S.T.F. and O.S.S.T.F. District 25; and the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the Bargaining Unit.
- 1.2 It shall be the duty of members to uphold the Code of Ethics contained in the Constitution of O.S.S.T.F.
- 1.3 Unless forbidden by law, it shall be the duty of members to refrain from undertaking or supporting actions which determine or attempt to undermine any sanction imposed by any other O.S.S.T.F. Bargaining Unit under the provisions of the Ontario Labour relations Act or any other applicable legislation.

By-Law 2 **Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Statement**

- 2.1 The Bargaining Unit shall have an Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Statement and Procedure to be followed at all OSSTF workplaces and functions.

By-Law 3 **Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Appeal Procedure**

- 3.1 Members of the Bargaining Unit affected by a decision resulting from a complaint under the Bargaining Unit Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Procedure may appeal this decision using the following procedure:
 - 3.1.1 Within five days of the decision, the affected member (herein called the Appellant) shall submit a request in writing to the Bargaining Unit President, or either of the Vice Presidents if the complaint is lodged against the President, for an Appeal Hearing.
 - 3.1.2 Within two days of receiving the request, the Bargaining Unit President, or either of the Vice Presidents if the complaint is lodged against the President, shall appoint three members of the Bargaining Unit Appeals Committee to consider the appeal.
 - 3.1.3 Within three days, the Bargaining Unit Appeal Committee shall meet to consider the appeal.
 - 3.1.3.1 The Bargaining Unit Appeal Committee shall review the complaint, the investigation process and findings, and the decision.
 - 3.1.3.2 Following the review, the Committee shall either confirm or modify the decision.
 - 3.1.3.3 The decision of the Bargaining Unit Appeal Committee shall be consistent with the Bargaining Unit Anti-Harassment and Anti-Bullying Statement and Procedures.
 - 3.1.4 The Bargaining Unit Appeal Committee shall report the decision on the Appeal to the Bargaining Unit President, or either of the Vice Presidents if the complaint is lodged against the President, within five (5) days after the meeting at which the Appeal is considered.

- 3.1.5 Within two days of receiving the decision of the Bargaining Unit Appeal Committee, the Bargaining Unit President shall communicate the decision to the Appellant in writing.
- 3.1.6 The decision of the Bargaining Unit Appeal Committee shall be considered final and not subject to any appeal.

By-Law 4 **Dues and Levy**

- 4.1 The annual dues for every member shall be as provided in the constitution of O.S.S.T.F.
- 4.2 Changes to the amount of the Levy shall require a three-fifths vote at a Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting.

By-Law 5 **Payment of Dues and Levy**

- 5.1 The method of payment of dues and the levy shall be as provided for in the collective agreement between the Bargaining Unit and the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

By-Law 6 **Budget**

- 6.1 The Bargaining Unit Treasurer in accordance with accepted accounting practice shall draft the budget.
- 6.2 The budget shall be approved by the Executive and submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval.
- 6.3 The budget shall include estimated costs of projected activities.
- 6.4 The Bargaining Unit shall maintain a balanced budget.
- 6.5 The Executive shall have the sole responsibility for the administration of the budget.
- 6.6 The Bargaining Unit Treasurer shall present a year-to-date financial statement of actual expenditures for the current Federation year to present to the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.7 The Bargaining Unit Treasurer shall present a year-end financial statement of the actual expenditures for the previous Federation year for presentation to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By-Law 7 **Representation at O.S.S.T.F. Meetings Outside of the Bargaining Unit**

- 7.1 The Executive shall ensure that the Bargaining Unit is appropriately represented at O.S.S.T.F. meetings at the District and Provincial levels by seeking out members interested in representing and eligible (according to the appropriate Constitution) to represent the Bargaining Unit.

7.2 The EABU delegation to the OSSTF'S Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly (AMPA) and the District's Annual Meeting of the District Assembly, (AMDA) shall be determined in the following order:

- In accordance with, the Constitution and By-Laws of the OSSTF, the Unit and District 25, the President and the Provincial Councillor, where the Provincial Councillor is a member of the unit, shall be voting delegates
- Additional delegates/alternate positions shall be filled election/acclamation from the Unit Executive members
- Any remaining vacancies shall be filled by solicitation of the general membership; the Unit Executive will make the decision by a vote

By-Law 8 **Eligibility to Vote or Stand for Election**

8.1 Every member of the Bargaining Unit, subject to the appropriate Constitution and By-laws, shall be entitled to vote at all General Meetings at the Bargaining Unit and District level.

8.2 Every member of the Bargaining Unit, subject to the appropriate Constitution and By-Laws, shall be entitled to stand for any office at the Bargaining Unit and District level.

8.3 Every member of the Bargaining Unit, subject to the O.S.S.T.F. Constitution and By-Laws, shall be entitled to seek office at the Provincial level.

By-Law 9 **Bargaining Unit Meetings**

9.1 **Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting**

9.1.1 The President shall call the Bargaining Unit Annual Meeting, with at least twenty (20) days notice to all members at their place of work, during the month of May.

9.1.2 It shall be the duty of this meeting:

9.1.3 To ratify amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Unit,

9.1.4 To receive the previous year-end treasurer report, the current year-to-date treasurer report and approve the Unit Budget for the coming year.

9.1.5 To elect the members of the Unit Executive, Collective Bargaining Committee and any other elected office.

9.1.6 To receive and/or vote upon, if required Executive reports on Unit policies, programs, and activities undertaken during the year.

9.1.7 To receive Standing Committee Reports.

9.1.8 To receive such other business as may be required.

9.1.9 To establish, amend, or rescind unit policy.

9.1.10 The Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting shall be the supreme legislative authority of the Bargaining Unit and be the only forum to amend this Constitution and By-Laws.

9.2 **Other Bargaining Unit General Meetings**

9.2.1 The President shall call other all-member General Meetings as required, or on the written request of at least thirty (30) members. Such a request shall be signed by all thirty (30) members and indicate the reason for the request. The President shall, within five (5) days of receipt of such notice, notify the membership of a Special General Meeting to be held within ten (10) working days.

9.3 **Quorum**

9.3.1 Proper notice having been given, the Quorum at the Bargaining Unit Annual General and at any other Special General Meetings called by the President shall be those members eligible to vote, present, and voting.

9.4 **Bargaining Unit Executive Meetings**

9.4.1 The Bargaining Unit Executive shall meet at least eight times per year at the call of the President, or at the request in writing, of at least three voting members of the Executive.

9.4.2 The quorum for Bargaining Unit Executive Meetings shall be the President or designate, plus 50% of the voting members.

9.5 **Collective Bargaining Committee Meetings**

9.5.1 Meetings of the Collective Bargaining Committee shall be called by the Chief Negotiator.

9.5.2 The Collective Bargaining Committee shall meet at least two (2) times per year, or at the request of at least four (4) members of the committee, such a request to be delivered to the Chief Negotiator and the President.

By-Law 10 Bargaining Unit Committees

10.1 **Collective Bargaining Committee**

10.1.1 There shall be twelve (12) members, in addition to the President and Chief Negotiator, on the Collective Bargaining Committee. Four (4) members shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting for a term of three (3) years.

10.1.2 At the first meeting, the Collective Bargaining Committee shall elect from its members a person whose responsibility shall be responsible for accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Committee.

10.1.3 The Collective Bargaining Committee shall solicit input from the members and the Bargaining Unit Executive and prepare the Negotiations Brief.

10.1.4 The Chief Negotiator shall be responsible for presenting the Negotiating Brief to the Bargaining Unit Executive for their approval.

10.1.5 The Chief Negotiator shall be responsible for presenting the Negotiating Brief to the O.S.S.T.F. Director of Protection Services for the approval of O.S.S.T.F.

- 10.1.6 The Collective Bargaining Committee shall elect from its members a Negotiating Team for the purpose of conducting negotiations with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.
- 10.1.7 The Negotiating Team shall consist of not more than five (5) members, inclusive of the Chief Negotiator and the President. With the exception of the two elected officers, the team shall remain in effect until a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement has been ratified by the membership and the Employer.
- 10.1.8 A quorum of the Collective Bargaining Committee shall be 50% + 1 of the members of the Committee.
- 10.1.9 The Collective Bargaining Committee may, with the approval of the Bargaining Unit Executive, establish Terms of Reference for the Committee.

10.2 **Other Bargaining Unit Standing Committees**

- 10.2.1 There may be other Bargaining Unit Standing Committees as established by the Bargaining Unit Executive.
- 10.2.2 These Committees shall initially be Chaired by the President until a meeting is called by the President for the purpose of electing a Chairperson from among the members of the Committee.
- 10.2.3 Such Committees may include, but not be limited to:
- Political Action Committee
 - Communications Committee
 - Professional Development Committee
 - Status of Women Committee
 - Occupational Health and Safety Committee

10.3 **Grievance Committee**

10.3.1 **Membership**

- 10.3.2 The Bargaining Unit Grievance Committee shall:
- be the President
 - Chief Negotiator and the 2nd Vice President

10.4 **Purpose/Duties**

- 10.4.1 The main purpose of the Grievance Committee shall be to determine if an alleged grievance is actually a grievance and to resolve the grievance. A grievance is defined as a complaint concerning the interpretation, the administration, or the alleged violation of the Collective Agreement.
- 10.4.2 The Grievance Committee shall meet as required to discuss grievances, as called by the President.
- 10.4.3 All Grievances are confidential to the members of the Grievance Committee, the Bargaining Unit Executive, the grievor and the grievor's agent.

10.5 **Procedure for Alleged Grievances**

10.5.1 All alleged grievances will be directed to the Bargaining Unit President.

10.5.2 The Bargaining Unit Executive may assist the member in presenting the facts of the case to the Grievance Committee.

10.5.3 The Grievance Committee will consider in camera whether to recommend that the Bargaining Unit should proceed with the grievance.

10.5.4 The President shall inform the member of the Committee's decision that will be reported to the Bargaining Unit Executive and the reason for it and shall inform the member of the appeal process (if required).

10.5.5 The President shall also report any minority opinion of the Committee to the Bargaining Unit Executive.

10.5.6 The President shall keep Provincial O.S.S.T.F. apprised of all grievances.

10.6 **Grievance Appeals Committee**

10.6.1 **Membership**

10.6.2 The members of the Grievance Appeals Committee shall elect one (1) of their members to Chair the meeting.

10.6.3 The Grievance Appeals Committee shall consist of the First Vice President and the two Executive Officers.

10.6.4 One (1) member of the Bargaining Unit Executive (who shall not have been a member of the Grievance Committee or a member of the Grievance Appeals Committee) may be chosen by the member appealing the decision of the Grievance Committee to assist in carrying forward their appeal.

10.7 **Procedure for the Grievance Appeals Committee**

10.7.1 The Bargaining Unit Member(s) asking for an appeal of the decision of the Bargaining Unit Grievance Committee will be invited to attend a meeting of the Bargaining Unit Grievance Appeals Committee to present their case.

10.7.2 The Bargaining Unit Member(s) appealing the decision will have an opportunity to present the case with the assistance of their advisor.

10.7.3 The Bargaining Unit President will state the reason(s) for not carrying forward the grievance.

10.7.4 The Bargaining Unit Member(s) appealing the ruling of the Grievance Committee will have an opportunity to respond to the presentation of the President.

10.7.5 The Grievance Appeals Committee will consider the appeal, in camera, after both parties have been excused and will communicate their decision to the Bargaining Unit Member(s) and the Bargaining Unit President.

- 10.7.6 The decision must be made in sufficient time to accommodate the current Collective Agreement time restrictions, thereby ensuring the member is not disadvantaged in their grievance with the employer.

By-Law 11 Nominations

- 11.1 Written nominations for the positions of Bargaining Unit Executive, and Collective Bargaining Committees shall be submitted at least ten (10) days prior to the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting and shall be signed by at least two (2) members of the Bargaining Unit.
- 11.2 The Secretary shall distribute to the membership a list of those Nominations received as per By-Law 9.1 at least seven (7) days prior to the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting.
- 11.3 Where no on-time nominations are received, Nominations will be received "from the floor" but must be received by the Secretary before the close of Nominations and must be signed by at least five (5) members of the Bargaining Unit in attendance and voting at the Bargaining Unit Annual Meeting.

By-Law 12 Elections

- 12.1 Elections for officers of the Bargaining Unit Executive and the members of the Collective Bargaining Committee shall take place at the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting. The presiding officer shall allow a question and answer session before the election for President.
- 12.2 The term of office for the officers of the Bargaining Unit Executive shall be a two (2) year term and commence on July 1st following the election and expire June 30th two (2) years hence.
- 12.3 Where candidates are unsuccessful they shall have the right to run for remaining offices.

By-Law 13 Voting

- 13.1 All manner of voting shall be by secret ballot by majority vote of those members, qualified to vote, present and voting.
- 13.2 The OSSTF Constitution and By-Laws shall govern voting procedures.

By-law 14 Lack of Candidates for Executive Officers or Collective Bargaining Committees

- 14.1 Where no candidate presents him\herself for a position on the Bargaining Unit Executive or the Collective Bargaining Committee during an election, it shall be the duty of the newly elected executive at the first duly-constituted meeting of their team to appoint member(s) to fill such vacancy(ies). Such appointment(s) may be made from among the Bargaining Unit membership, with the exception of the position of President.
- 14.2 Whenever there is a vacancy for the position of President as described in 12.1 the Bargaining Unit Executive, after an attempt has been made to fill all other vacancies, shall elect from among themselves, a person to be President of the Bargaining Unit.

By-Law 15 **Vacancies during Term of Office**

15.1 Where any vacancy occurs in a position on the Bargaining Unit Executive or on any Standing or Ad Hoc Committee, the Executive shall fill the position for the remainder of the term.

By-Law 16 **Ratification of a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement**

16.1 The Chief Negotiator shall call a special meeting of the Bargaining Unit Executive and the Collective Bargaining Unit Committee to present the terms of a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement.

16.2 Following the meeting outlined in By-law 14.1, the President shall call a ratification meeting.

16.3 All members of the Bargaining Unit shall be entitled to vote at the Ratification Meeting for a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement.

16.4 Ratification of a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement shall be by a 50% +1 vote of those members qualified to vote, present and voting at the Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

By-Law 17 **Duties of Executive Officers**

17.1 **Unit Executive**

17.1.1 It shall be the duty of the Unit Executive:

17.1.2 to meet at least eight (8) times per year, at the call of the President or at the request of three (3) Executive members

17.1.3 to call all Annual and Special Membership meetings

17.1.4 to carry out the directives of the general meetings of the unit membership

17.1.5 to administer the business of the Bargaining Unit between Annual Membership Meetings, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws

17.1.6 to facilitate the exchange of information between and among members

17.1.7 to appoint chairpersons of such committees as are necessary for the administration of the Bargaining Unit

17.1.8 to approve a draft budget and present it to the membership

17.1.9 to exercise financial control over the financial affairs of the Bargaining Unit

17.1.10 to oversee the operation of the Collective Bargaining Committee

17.1.11 to approve the unit's negotiations brief

17.1.12 to appoint five (5) members to the Bargaining Unit Anti-Harassment Appeal Committee prior to September 30 of each year

17.2 **The President**

- 17.2.1 Shall be the Chief Executive Officer and the Official Spokesperson of the Bargaining Unit.
- 17.2.2 Shall be the Grievance Officer for the Bargaining Unit
- 17.2.3 Shall be a voting member of the Negotiating Team.
- 17.2.4 Shall call and chair meetings of the Bargaining Unit Executive.
- 17.2.5 Shall call and preside at the Bargaining Unit Annual Meeting and all other General Meetings of the membership and appoint a person to Chair such meetings as required.
- 17.2.6 Shall be the person responsible for communicating to the membership on issues related to the operation of the Bargaining Unit.
- 17.2.7 Shall be responsible for communicating with other Bargaining Units of O.S.S.T.F. District 25, and with other O.S.S.T.F. Bargaining Units and Provincial Office of O.S.S.T.F.
- 17.2.8 Shall represent the Bargaining Unit Executive at meetings of the O.S.S.T.F. District 25 District Executive Council and be responsible for reporting to the Bargaining Unit Executive on those meetings.
- 17.2.9 Shall be responsible for keeping other members of the Bargaining Unit Executive informed about District and Provincial Communications and initiatives as they become available.
- 17.2.10 Shall be a signing Officer for Bargaining Unit Financial matters.
- 17.2.11 Shall provide a written report to the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting.
- 17.2.12 Shall be an ex-officio member of all Bargaining Unit Committees.
- 17.2.13 Shall be an AMPA Delegate.
- 17.2.14 Shall be a voting member of Council.
- 17.2.15 Shall be a delegate to Educational Support Staff Sector Council of Presidents.

17.3 **The Chief Negotiator**

- 17.3.1 Shall be responsible for the conduct of collective bargaining with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.
- 17.3.2 Shall be responsible, with the Collective Bargaining Committee, for the preparation of the Negotiating Brief.
- 17.3.3 Shall be responsible for presenting the Negotiating Brief to the Bargaining Unit Executive and the O.S.S.T.F. Director of Protective Services for approval.
- 17.3.4 Shall be responsible, with the advice of the Negotiating Team for requesting that the President give notice to bargain to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

- 17.3.5 Shall be responsible for presenting the terms of a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement to the Collective Bargaining Committee, the Bargaining Unit Executive and the Membership for Ratification.
- 17.3.6 Shall be the Chairperson of the Collective Bargaining Unit Committee and of the Negotiating Team.
- 17.3.7 Shall be a member of the Grievance Committee.
- 17.3.8 Shall be responsible for keeping and transferring to his/her successor all records from previous negotiations on behalf of the Bargaining Unit.
- 17.3.9 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President/Executive.
- 17.3.10 Shall be the designate to the Educational Support Staff Sector Council of Presidents.
- 17.4 **First Vice-President**
- 17.4.1 Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence as designated by the President.
- 17.4.2 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President/Executive.
- 17.4.3 Shall represent the interests of the members of the Bargaining Unit and bring issues of concern from the members to the Executive.
- 17.4.4 To act as Executive resource on matters of Political Action.
- 17.4.5 To serve as Executive liaison on Unit and District Political Action committees.
- 17.4.6 To represent the Unit on all political action matters involving other Units and or Federations.
- 17.4.7 Shall be a member of the Grievance Appeals Committee.
- 17.5 **Second Vice-President**
- 17.5.1 Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence as designated by the President.
- 17.5.2 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President/Executive.
- 17.5.3 Shall represent the interests of the members of the Bargaining Unit and bring issues of concern from the members to the Executive.
- 17.5.4 To act as an Executive resource on matters of Health & Safety.
- 17.5.5 To serve on the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee as the Bargaining Unit Representative.

- 17.5.6 To represent the unit on all Health and Safety matters at the District and/or Federation levels.
- 17.5.7 Shall be a member of the Grievance Committee.
- 17.6 **The Past President**
- 17.6.1 Shall provide advice and continuity to the Executive and the President to enable a smooth transfer to a new Executive.
- 17.6.2 Shall perform other duties as designated by the President/Executive.
- 17.6.3 Shall serve for only one year immediately following his/her last term as the elected President.
- 17.7 **The Secretary**
- 17.7.1 Shall record correspondence on behalf of the Bargaining Unit.
- 17.7.2 Arrange for the taking and distribution of minutes of Executive meetings.
- 17.7.3 Shall perform other duties as designated by the President/Executive.
- 17.8 **The Treasurer**
- 17.8.1 Shall keep an accurate account of the Bargaining Unit Finances and report to the Bargaining Unit Executive on a regular basis.
- 17.8.2 Shall report to the President and the Executive any anomaly or irregularity in any aspect of the Bargaining Unit Finances.
- 17.8.3 Shall be a Signing Officer for Bargaining Unit Financial matters.
- 17.8.4 Shall act as liaison with the District 25 Treasurer to maintain appropriate control of Bargaining Unit financial matters.
- 17.8.5 Shall act as liaison with other Treasurers for Bargaining Units of O.S.S.T.F. District 25.
- 17.8.6 Shall with input from the Bargaining Unit Executive, prepare and present an Annual Budget to the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting.
- 17.8.7 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President/Executive.
- 17.9 **Executive Officers (2)**
- 17.9.1 Shall be members of the Grievance Appeals Committee.
- 17.9.2 Shall perform duties as assigned by the President/Executive.

17.10 **The Communications Officer**

17.10.1 Shall be responsible for preparing a Bargaining Unit Newsletter for the approval of the President.

17.10.2 Shall advise and assist the executive in the area of communications strategies.

17.10.3 Shall Chair the Communications Committee where one exists in the Bargaining Unit.

17.10.4 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President/Executive.

17.11 **The Educational Services Officer (Professional Development)**

17.11.1 Shall be responsible for organizing professional development activities for the members.

17.11.2 Shall advise and assist the Bargaining Unit Executive in the area of Educational Services.

17.11.3 Shall Chair the Professional Development Committee, where one exists, in the Bargaining Unit.

17.11.4 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President/Executive.

By-Law 18 **Amendments**

18.1 Amendments to these By-laws may only be made at the Bargaining Units' Annual General Meeting:

- a) by a majority vote of the members qualified to vote, present and voting – provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Bargaining Unit Annual General Meeting and circulated to the members at least ten (10) days prior to the Meeting;
- b) by a two-thirds vote of the members qualified to vote, present and voting, where such notice has not been given.