



BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

2018 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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Sheraton Vancouver Airport, Richmond

Constitutional Resolutions Committee Report to Convention 2018

Thank you to the Provincial Executive for naming us five members; Sister Gina Gray, Sister Sylvie Hills, Brother Tyler Hyatt, Brother Pino Papillo and myself Brother Marcel Desjardins as your Constitutional Resolution Committee. As a Committee we met for a total of eight days over the course of the past four months.

Of the 67 Constitutional Resolutions received, all met the criteria for review by your Resolution Committee. For the most part, all but one submission met the standard. The one in question was a Bargaining Resolution. We agreed fully with its intent but felt it was not a Constitutional Resolution. Simple housekeeping issues regarding grammar and punctuation were amended and are not included in the package.

During the information session at Convention, all delegates will be made familiar with the voting process. For the benefit of all delegates and especially new and first time attendees to Convention, a glossary of terms has been added to help understand language and meanings pertaining to their packages and the business of Convention.

Our role was not to rewrite any resolution that was not grammatically correct nor any that seemed not fully articulated. No resolution was altered to change its intent. Any resolution lacking clarity can and may be referred with written instruction from the Convention floor.

With the difficult task of reviewing and deliberating all the resolutions put forward, we as a Committee feel we have served the entire BCFMWU membership proudly.

At this time the time line order has been determined with consideration given to Special Convention. The order of business will be clearly posted for delegates.

Recommendations for the future Constitutional Resolution Committees from the 2018 Committee;

1. The Constitutional Resolutions Committee should meet to get familiar with one another as soon as possible after it has been established.
2. If no returning Committee member from the previous Convention is on the new committee, a past Chair may be asked to be involved during the first meeting for guidance and support.
3. The newly established committee is to commence at the BCFMWU office on the date of final submissions of resolutions to ensure and enforce deadlines are with at met and kept. The instructions to the committee are to be made clear and an understanding by all is agreed upon moving toward a successful Triennial Convention.

The 2018 Constitutional Resolutions Committee would like express our sincerest thank you to all the Office Staff at BCFMWU for their hard work and efforts with assistance to our team during our time working to achieve the outcome that is presented to Convention and our membership.

Thank you and in solidarity,

Committee Chair, Brother Marcel J Desjardins
Sister Gina Gray
Sister Sylvie Hills
Brother Tyler Hyatt
Brother Pino Papillo