



# BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

Local 1 Notice  
November 9, 2023

## LOCAL 1 NOTICE OF MOTION

Local 1 will be holding a general meeting November 23 and bylaw amendments is on the agenda. Under the Local 1 Bylaws, a Notice of Motion is required to be issued 14 days prior to the General Meeting. The Motions are as follows:

1. Motion to specify that the role of the Local Returning Officer is neutral and apolitical by means of adding "Duties of the Local Returning Officer" to the Appendix. Duties shall read, "The Local Returning Officer shall have voice but no vote at Local General Meetings and shall perform their duties in accordance with BCFMWU Constitution Article 13.1(c)."
2. Motion to specify the role of the Local Communications Officer by means of adding "Duties of the Local Communications Officer" to the Appendix. Duties shall read, "The Local Communications Officer shall distribute Local and relevant Provincial communications to the Local membership as required. For Local One elections, the Communications Officer will copy and distribute candidate biographies within the Local and at the expense of the Local. For any other elections, the Communications Officer will distribute candidate biographies as requested by the Union Hall, or as requested by the candidates with materials provided by the individual candidates at the candidates' own expense."
3. Motion to clarify language inherent in the Bylaws (housekeeping) by means of amendments to Article 14: Replace "Committee" with "Executive" and replace "LEO member" with "Local Executive Officer" and replacing the word "Chairperson" with "President" in Articles 14 – 16 inclusive.
4. Motion to amend the standing agenda under Order of Business, Article 16(b), by means of adding a Preamble prior to the Roll Call, and removing the item, "Reading of the Minutes of Previous Meetings".
5. Motion to specify the rules of Local General Meeting decorum by creating Appendix B, which will specify the Preamble language as follows:  
Preamble  
Local One recognizes that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Pauquachin and Tseycum First Nations. Meeting participation and decorum will be as follows:
  - Every member of the Local has the right to be heard in a respectful and constructive manner. Cross talk undermines this basic right and shall not be permitted
  - Every member of the Local has the right to hear and participate in the business of the Local. Constant interruptions undermines this basic right and shall not be permitted
  - All comments and conversations will be conducted in a respectful manner and language
  - All questions should be addressed to the chair of the committee.
  - All questions/comments shall stay on topic. All sidebar discussions will be tabled and addressed if time permits at the end of the meeting.
  - Any form of audio or video recording or capture of these proceedings is prohibited.
6. Motion to ensure the security of Local General Meetings by amending Article 17, adding: "All participants attending a Local General Meeting shall be BCFMWU members in good standing or guests of the Local Executive. Those attending remotely during online or hybrid meetings must confirm their identity as a member in good standing or they will be removed from the meeting."

7. Motion to add to Committees and Appointments, Article 18, “Local Committees shall form a Terms of Reference and shall provide written reports at each Local General Meeting.”
8. Motion to require adequate member representation by amending Appendix, Duties of the Local President (c)(i) to read, “Ensuring an adequate number of Shop Stewards are adequately trained and available to represent the membership and for succession planning.”
9. Motion for timelines to forward General Meeting minutes by amending Appendix, Duties of the Secretary Treasurer (a), to read, “The Local Secretary Treasurer shall keep record of meeting proceedings. Within 30 days of a General meeting, the Local Secretary Treasurer shall forward a copy of the meeting’s recorded minutes in draft form to the Local Executive Officers for editing. The Local Secretary Treasurer shall include a copy of those draft minutes as an attachment to any Local General Meeting notice for members to read prior to the next meeting. The approved minutes shall be sent to the Union Office upon adoption by the membership (including any amendments) after the following General Meeting.”
10. Motion to modernize the archiving of General Meeting minutes by amending Appendix, Duties of the Secretary Treasurer (c), to read: “Shall keep a full and impartial account of each meeting’s minutes in an electronic copy with backup. The Secretary Treasurer will ensure the minutes from each meeting in the last calendar year are available at General Meetings. Archived Local 1 General Meeting minutes not available on the BCFMWU website shall be made available to Local 1 members upon request.”
11. Motion to rationalize availability of Local financial records by amending Appendix, Duties of the Secretary Treasurer (d), to read: “Shall provide a record of all Local expenditures (reconciled with bank statements) for the current term of office at all Local General Meetings. Other records may be viewed upon request to the Local Secretary Treasurer.”

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