

## **RESOLUTIONS TO BE DEBATED AT THE 2021 OFSHEEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2021**

This year we have six resolutions. Essentially, they consist of four "housekeeping" resolutions to fix language based on last year's motions so that there is consistency throughout our bylaws, and the last two are seeking approval to change the membership fees.

### **Resolution #1: Fix the number of officers from six to five and remove Assistant Treasurer**

#### **Article VII - Board of Directors; Section 2 - Composition**

**Be it resolved that**, in bylaw *ARTICLE VII Board of Directors, Section 2-Composition - line a*), "Six" be replaced by "Five"; and ",Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer", be replaced by "and Treasurer."

#### *Old Bylaw*

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board up to fifteen Directors consisting of;  
a) Six Officers of the Association: Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer

#### *New Bylaw*

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board up to fifteen Directors consisting of;

a) **Five** Officers of the Association: Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, **and Treasurer.**

#### Rationale:

At last year's AGM we passed a resolution to remove the Assistant Treasurer position from the bylaws and this line was missed. This makes the number of officers on the Board of Directors five.

## **Resolution #2: Remove "Metropolitan" from before Toronto**

### **Article VII - Board of Directors; Section 2 - Composition**

**Be it resolved that**, in bylaw *ARTICLE VII Board of Directors, Section 2-Composition - line b*), "Metropolitan" be deleted before "Toronto."

#### *Old Bylaw*

b) Six Regional Directors to represent the following designated regions of the Province of Ontario: Eastern, Western, Northern, Central East, Central West and Metropolitan Toronto

#### *New Bylaw*

b) Six Regional Directors to represent the following designated regions of the Province of Ontario: Eastern, Western, Northern, Central East, Central West and **Toronto**.

#### Rationale

Metropolitan Toronto no longer exists as a region in our bylaws as passed at last year's AGM (it was missed).

## **RESOLUTION 3: Remove requirement that one director is a member of OFS<sub>3</sub>HLC**

### **Article VII - Board of Directors; Section 2 - Composition**

**Be it resolved that**, in bylaw *ARTICLE VII Board of Directors, Section 2-Composition - line d*), "shall be a member of: the OFS<sub>3</sub>HLC the Ontario Family Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities Leadership Council Leadership Council, and one person on the Board of Directors" be deleted.

#### *Old Bylaw*

d) One person on the Board of Directors shall be a member of: the OFS<sub>3</sub>HLC the Ontario Family Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities Leadership Council Leadership Council, and one person on the Board of Directors shall be a francophone.

#### *New Bylaw*

d) One person on the Board of Directors shall be a francophone.

#### Rationale:

OFS<sub>3</sub>HLC no longer exists as an active separate association so this bylaw is no longer relevant.

**RESOLUTION 4: Change the dates for elections to release the slate of officers and last minute nominations.**

**Article XIII - Elections; Section 1- Nomination**

**Be it resolved that**, in bylaw *ARTICLE XIII Elections, Section 1- Nomination - line c*), "January 15" be deleted and replaced with "21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting."; and, " The nomination must be mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairperson not later than February 1st." be replaced with "must be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairperson not later than 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting."

*Old Bylaw*

c) The membership should be advised of the slate of candidates not later than January 15. Members may make additional nominations to the slate. There must be a seconder and the written consent of each nominee. The nomination must be mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairperson not later than February 1st.

*New Bylaw*

c) The membership should be advised of the slate of candidates not later than **21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting**. Members may make additional nominations to the slate. There must be a seconder and the written consent of each nominee. The nomination must be **sent to the Nominating Committee Chairperson not later than 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting**.

Rationale

The current bylaw reflects elections deadlines that no longer make sense. Years ago OFSHEEA used to have the Annual General Meeting as a separate event around the end of the fiscal year in March or April; thus, election dates in January and February made sense. Then OFSHEEA decided to have the Annual General Meeting fall on the same day as the Fall Conference to make it more convenient for people, and increase the likelihood that quorum would be achieved to debate and vote on motions. For these reasons we believe that it is necessary to change the dates.

## **RESOLUTION 5: Change the fee for student membership**

### **Article VII - Finances; Section 2 - Fees**

**Be it resolved that**, in bylaw *ARTICLE XI Finances, Section 2 - Fees - line b)* "Members who are full-time students or retirees shall pay a fee at one-half the general membership rate." be replaced by "Members who are full-time students shall pay no membership fee. Members who are retired shall pay 50% of the general membership rate."

#### *Old Bylaw*

b) Members shall pay an annual fee as determined by the Board of Directors. Fee changes must be approved at an annual meeting. Members who are full-time students or retirees shall pay a fee at one-half the general membership rate.

#### *New Bylaw*

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#### Rationale:

OFSHEEA is looking to support students who are seeking reliable resources for their Family Studies or Home Economics education in a pre-service program. This will hopefully entice them to continue with their membership after they graduate because they will see the benefits of being an OFSHEEA member.

**RESOLUTION 6: Add a new membership category for recent family studies pre-service graduates.**

**Article VII - Finances; Section 2 - Fees**

**Be it resolved that,** in bylaw *ARTICLE VII - Finances, section 2 -Fees*, that the new line "Recent family studies pre-service faculty of education graduates shall pay a membership fee at 60% of the general membership rate for the first two years following graduation," and subsequent lines be re-numbered.

*Old Bylaw*

- b) Members shall pay an annual fee as determined by the Board of Directors. Fee changes must be approved at an annual meeting. Members who are full-time students or retirees shall pay a fee at one-half the general membership rate.
- c) Honourary and Honourary Life Members are not required to pay membership fees.

*New Bylaw*

- b) Members shall pay an annual fee as determined by the Board of Directors. Fee changes must be approved at an annual meeting. Members who are full-time students or retirees shall pay a fee at one-half the general membership rate.
- c) Recent family studies pre-service faculty of education graduates shall pay a membership fee at 60% of the general membership rate for the first two years following graduation.**
- d) Honourary and Honourary Life Members are not required to pay membership fees.

Rationale:

OFSHEEA is looking to expand its membership numbers and recognizes that there is a growth of newly qualified Family Studies and Home Economics teachers. This was demonstrated the past few years as new graduates joined OFSHEEA looking for reliable resources from OFSHEEA. The hope is that once they find value in their membership, they will continue being a member.