
Bylaws Local Union 622

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INTRODUCTION

Local 622 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees has been formed to:

- Improve the social and economic well-being of all its members;
- Promotes equality for all members and to oppose all types of harassment and discrimination;
- Promote the efficiency of public services; and
- Express its belief in the unity of organized labour.

The following bylaws are adopted by Local 622 in accordance with the CUPE National Constitution (Articles 13.3 and B.5.1), to protect the rights of all members, to provide for responsible governance of the Local Union, and to involve as many members of the Local Union as possible through the sharing of duties and responsibilities.

CUPE chartered organizations shall respect and apply the CUPE National Equality Statement to all of the chartered organizations' activities. The CUPE National Equality Statement can be found in Appendix A to these bylaws.

CUPE chartered organizations may also wish to adopt a Local Union Code of Conduct that would apply to membership meetings and other functions organized by the chartered organization. The Local Union Code of Conduct can be found in Appendix B to these bylaws.

SECTION 1 – NAME

The name of this Local Union shall be Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 622. Local 622 consists of the following bargaining units:

City of Maple Ridge _____

City of Pitt Meadows _____

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Local 622 are to:

- (a) Secure the best possible pay, benefits, working conditions, job security, pensions and retiree benefits for its members;
- (b) Provide an opportunity for its members to influence and shape their future through free democratic trade unionism;
- (c) Encourage the settlement by negotiation and mediation of all the disputes between the members and their employers;
- (d) Eliminate harassment and discrimination of any sort or on any basis; for the equality of treatment regardless of class, race, colour, nationality, age, sex/gender, language, sexual orientation, place of origin, ancestry, religious beliefs, or mental and physical disability; and the active opposition of discrimination of same wherever it occurs or appears;
- (e) Establish strong working relationships with the public we serve and the communities in which we work and live; and
- (f) Support CUPE in reaching all the objectives set out in Article II of the CUPE National Constitution.

SECTION 3 – REFERENCES

Numbers of articles at the end of sections or sub-sections in this document refer to relevant articles of the CUPE National Constitution which should be read together with these bylaws.

SECTION 4 – MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership

An individual employed within the jurisdiction of Local 622 can apply for membership in Local 622 by paying the initiation fee set out in Section 11(a) of these bylaws.

(b) Approval of Membership

At the first membership meeting after the application has been submitted, the name(s) of the applicant(s) will be read out unless a majority of members present at the meeting object, the applicant(s) will be accepted into membership.

(c) Oath of Membership

New members will take this oath:

“I promise to support and obey the Constitution of this Union to work to improve the economic and social conditions of other workers, to defend and work to improve the democratic rights and liberties of workers and that I will not purposely or knowingly harm or assist in harming another member of the Union.”

(d) Continuation of Membership

Once accepted, a member continues as a member in good standing while employed within the jurisdiction of the Local Union unless the member loses good standing under the provisions of the CUPE National Constitution.

(e) Member Obligations

Members are obligated to abide by the CUPE National constitution, and these bylaws as amended from time to time.

Members will provide the Recording Secretary with their current address, home telephone contact number and where available, and email address. The member will advise the Recording Secretary of any changes to their contact information. This information will be protected and used to communicate with members. Such communication will take the form of mail, email blasts or telephone town halls.

In the case of a telephone town hall, the telephone number may be shared with a service provider under contract to the Local Union to provide the technical equipment to support such a virtual meeting.

Upon request, the Local Union will share the telephone contact information with the CUPE National or CUPE BC. The purpose of sharing this telephone contact information with CUPE National or CUPE BC is so that the National Union or Provincial Division can conduct a telephone town hall with members on important matters.

(f) Member Recognition

CUPE 622 recognizes members of longstanding. Upon retirement and as approved by the Executive, any member in good standing shall be given \$10.00 for each year of service donations toward the purchase of a retirement gift.

SECTION 5 – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(a) Regular and Unit Membership Meetings

Regular Membership meetings of Local 622 shall be held in the months of January, March, May, September, and October at the Union Hall. The time and place to be set by the membership at the November Annual General Meeting.

When a statutory holiday or a situation beyond the control of the Local arises which causes the cancellation of a regular membership meeting, the Executive Board shall reschedule the regular membership meeting, and will give members seven days' notice of the date of the reschedule regular membership meeting.

Unit Membership meetings of each unit shall be held as directed by those members but no less than quarterly. The time and place to be set by the members of the affected unit. Each unit shall by a majority vote of its members determine the time

and date of their meeting. If a meeting change is required, a minimum of two weeks' notice shall be given to the members of the affected unit. Unit meetings may be called to deal with matters that affect only members of the bargaining unit. Such meetings are not to be used to replace regular membership meetings and will not make decisions that affect the Local Union as a whole or other bargaining units. Members from other bargaining units in the Local Union may attend these meetings without vote but with voice and are not counted as part of the quorum.

(b) Special Membership Meetings

Special membership meetings of Local 622 may be required and shall be called by the Executive Board or may be requested in writing by no fewer than 10 members. The President shall immediately advise members when a special meeting is called and ensure that all members receive at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the special meeting, the subject(s) to be discussed, the date, time, and location. No business shall be transacted at the special meeting other than that for which the meeting is called, and notice given.

(c) Quorum

The minimum number of members required to be in attendance for the transaction of business at any regular, unit or special meeting shall be ten (10) members, plus three (3) members of the Executive Board.

(d) Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting to be held on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the month of November shall be to elect and install officers to fill all existing vacancies. Regular Union business will also be conducted at this meeting. The following shall submit reports:

1. Executive Board
2. Secretary-Treasurer
3. Education Committee
4. Health and Safety Committee
5. Political Action and Publicity Committee
6. Other Committee as requested by the Executive
7. Unit Chief Shop Stewards

(e) Meeting Agendas (except for Special Meetings)

The order of business at regular membership meetings is as follows:

1. Territorial Acknowledgement
2. Roll call of officers
3. Reading of the Equality Statement
4. Voting on new members and initiation
5. Reading of the minutes
6. Matters arising from the minutes

7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
8. Communications and bills
9. Executive Board Report
10. Reports of committees and delegates
11. Nominations, elections, or installations
12. Unfinished business
13. New business
14. Good of the Union
15. Adjournment

(f) Meeting Notice

Seven (7) days' notice must be given for every Regular and Unit Meeting and twenty-four (24) hours' notice for any Special Membership Meetings, specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and in the case of Special Meetings, the nature of that business. No other business shall be discussed at these Special Meetings. These notices shall be posted on all Union Bulletin Boards.

SECTION 7 – OFFICERS

The Officers of the Local shall be:

- President*
- First Vice-President (Maple Ridge)*
- Second Vice President (Pitt Meadows)*
- Vice-President*
- Secretary-Treasurer*
- Recording Secretary*
- Chief Shop Steward (Maple Ridge)*
- Chief Shop Steward (Pitt Meadows)*
- Chief Shop Steward*
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Three (3) Trustees
- Five (5) Shop Stewards

* Shall be members of the Executive Board

SECTION 8 -- EXECUTIVE BOARD

- a) The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President(s), Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Unit Chief Shop Stewards and three Members at Large.
- b) The Executive Board shall meet at least eight (8) times per year.
- c) A majority of the Executive Board constitutes a quorum.

- d) The Executive Board shall hold title to any real estate of the Local Union as trustees for the Local Union. They shall have no right to sell, convey, or encumber any real estate without first giving notice and then submitting the proposal to a membership meeting and having it approved
- e) The Executive Board shall do the work delegated to it by the Local Union and shall be held responsible for the proper and effective functioning of all committees.
- f) Should any Executive Board member fail to answer the roll call for three (3) consecutive Regular meetings or three (3) consecutive regular Executive Board meetings without having submitted good reasons, their office shall be declared vacant. In the case of a vacant Executive Board position or positions, an election for the vacancy or vacancies shall be held at the following meeting. Seven (7) days advance notice of the election must be posted through the Local.
- g) All Executive Officer positions shall be elected at the November Annual General Meeting. The term of office of the Executive Board members shall be for a term of two (2) years.
- h) Honorariums will be paid in the amount of \$350.00 per month to the President, \$300.00 per month to the Vice-Presidents, the Chief Shop Stewards, Secretary-Treasurer and Recording Secretary, and \$150.00 per month to the Members at Large.

SECTION 9 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRIVACY OFFICER AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE OFFICERS

Each Officer of Local 622 is encouraged to participate in CUPE educational courses to enhance their leadership skills and expand their knowledge and expertise.

All Officers must give all properties, assets, funds, and all records of the Local Union to their successors at the end of their term of Office.

All signing Officers of Local 622 shall be bonded through the master bond held by CUPE National. Any Officer who cannot qualify for the bond shall be disqualified from having signing authority.

a) President

The President shall:

- Enforce the CUPE National Constitution, these Local Union bylaws and the Equality statement.
- Interpret these bylaws as required.
- Preside at all Membership and Executive Board meetings and preserve order.
- Decide all points of order and procedure (subject always to appeal to the membership).

- Have the same right to vote as other members. In the case of a tie vote, the President may cast another vote or the President may refrain from casting an additional vote, in which case the motion is defeated.
- Ensure that all Officers perform their assigned duties.
- Fill committee vacancies where elections are not provided for.
- Introduce new members and conduct them through the initiation ceremony.
- Sign all cheques, except cheques to themselves, and ensure that the Local Union's funds are used only as authorized or directed by the CUPE Constitution, Local Union bylaws, or vote of the membership.
- Be allowed necessary and reasonable funds to reimburse the President or any Officers for expenses incurred on behalf of the Local Union. Expense claims must be listed on a proper form outlining the expense, the reason for the expense, and with supporting receipt(s) attached.
- Have first preference as a delegate to the CUPE National Convention.

b) Vice-President(s)

The Vice-President shall:

- If the President is absent or not eligible, perform all the duties of the president.
- Preside over all Unit meetings.
- Preside over membership and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President.
- If the office of the President falls vacant, be Acting President until a new President is elected through a by-election.
- Render assistance to any member of the Executive as directed by the Executive Board.

c) Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall:

- Keep full, accurate, and impartial account of the proceedings of all regular, unit and special membership meetings and all Executive Board meetings. These records must also include a copy of the full financial report (Executive Board meetings) and the written financial report (membership meetings) presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. The record will also include Trustees' reports.
- Record all amendments and/or additions in the bylaws and make certain that these are sent to the National President for approval prior to implementing.

- Answer correspondence and perform other administrative duties as directed by the Executive Board.
- Keep a record of all correspondence received and sent out.
- Prepare and distribute all notices to members.
- Have all records ready on reasonable notice for the Trustees or auditors.
- Preside over membership and Executive Board meetings in the absence of both the President and Vice-President.
- Be empowered, with the approval of the membership, to employ administrative assistance to be paid out of the Local Union's funds.
- Perform other duties required by the Local Union, its bylaws or the National Constitution.

d) Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- Receive all revenue, initiation fees, dues, and assessments, keeping a record of each member's payments, and deposit promptly all money with a bank or credit union.
- Sign all cheques except cheques to themselves, and ensure that the Local Union's funds are used only as authorized or directed by the CUPE Constitution, Local Union bylaws, or vote of the membership. IN consultation with the Executive Board, designate a signing officer during prolonged absences.
- Ensure that per capita tax is paid by direct remittance, or where per capita is not paid by direct remittance, prepare all CUPE National per capita tax forms and emit payment, including \$1.00 of each initiation fee on all members admitted, no later than the last day of the following month.
- Be responsible for maintaining, organizing, safeguarding and keeping on file all supporting documents, authorizations, invoices and/or expense claims for every disbursement made, receipts for all money sent to CUPE National, as well as records and supporting documents for all income received by the Local Union.
- Record all financial transactions in a manner acceptable to the Executive Board and in accordance with good accounting practices.
- Make a full financial report to meetings of the Local Union's Executive Board.
- Make a written financial report to each regular membership meeting, detailing all income and expenditures for the period.
- Be bonded through the master bond held by CUPE National. Any Secretary-Treasurer who cannot qualify for the bond shall be disqualified from office.
- Pay no money unless supported by a cheque requisition or expense form or request for payment duly signed by the President and one other member of

the Executive Board as determined by the Executive Board. No request shall be required for payment of per capita fees to any organization to which the Local Union is affiliated.

- Make all books available for inspection by the Trustees and/r auditors on reasonable notice. Ensure that the books are audited at least one each calendar year and within a reasonable time, respond in writing to any recommendations and concerns raised by the Trustees.
- Provide the Trustees with any information the Trustees require to complete the audit, including forms provided by CUPE National
- Where required, not later than February 28th each year, furnish each member, on the forms supplied by CUPE National, with a statement showing the net amount of tax-deductible dues paid by him during the preceding calendar year.
- Be empowered, with the approval of the membership, to employ necessary administrative assistance to be paid for out of the Local Union's fund
- Notify all members who are one month in arrears and report to the Executive Board all members two or more months in arrears in the payment of union dues.

e) Unit Chief Shop Steward

The Unit Chief Shop Steward shall:

- Attend Unit Membership meetings for their Unit. Attend all Executive Board and Regular meetings and any other meetings as required.
- Shall attend all meetings of the shop stewards and oversee and assist Shop Stewards.
- Render assistance to any member of the Board as directed by the Board.
- Render assistance to Shop Stewards of the Local. Sit on the Bargaining Committee for his/her unit.
- Report all Unit grievances to the Executive Grievance committee.

f) Trustees

The Trustees shall:

- Act as auditing committee on behalf of the members and audit the books and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, and the committees at least once every calendar year.
- Make a written report of their findings to the first membership meeting following the completion of each audit.

- Submit in writing to the President and Secretary-Treasurer any recommendations and/or concerns they feel should be reviewed in order to ensure that the Local Union's funds, records, and accounts are being maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer in an organized, correct, and proper manner.
- Be responsible to ensure that monies have not been paid out without proper constitutional or membership authorization.
- Ensure that proper financial reports have been given to the membership.
- Inspect at least once a year, any stocks, bonds, securities, office furniture and equipment, and titles or deeds to property that may at any time be owned by the Local Union and report their findings to the membership.
- Send to the National Secretary-Treasurer, with a copy to the assigned Servicing Representative, the following documents:
 - Completed Trustee Audit Program
 - Completed Trustees' Report
 - Secretary-Treasurer Report to the Trustees
 - Recommendations made to the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Union
 - Secretary-Treasurer's response to recommendations
 - Concerns that have not been addressed by the Local Union Executive Board.
- Carry out duties as outlined in Section 10 (C) clauses 2 and 3 of these bylaws.
- All Trustees will be members of the Budget Committee.

g) Shop Stewards

The Shop Stewards shall:

- Define, detect, prepare and present grievances at the initial level (Step 1).
- Generally, know and police the collective agreement and Provincial or Federal legislation affecting labour and particular job.
- Provide communications and information from the members in the unit to the Unit Chair and the Executive and from the Executive to its members, including distribution of Union literature and newspapers.
- Attend monthly Regular and Stewards meetings and any other meetings as required.
- Great new employees and encourage the participation of all members of the unit in Union activity.
- Maintain daily contact with the members to provide ongoing Union awareness and education.

h) The Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

- Attend all Regular and Special meetings and the Annual General Meeting;
- Guard the inner door at membership meetings and admit no one but members in good standing or officers and officials of CUPE, except on the order of the President and by the consent of the members present;
- Assist in maintaining the record of membership attendance at meetings;
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board from time to time;

i) Privacy Officer

The Privacy Officer shall:

- Ensure policy and processes are implemented to protect the private information kept by CUPE Local 622. This position will be held by an Executive Officer as an extra duty/responsibility.

j) Member-at-Large Officer Positions (3)

Member-at-Large Officers may be assigned duties related to the following:

- Education and Training
- Social and Community Works
- Job Evaluation and Reclassification

SECTION 10 – NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(a) Nominations

1. Nominations will be received at the regular membership meetings in September and October. In the event that no nominations have been made for a vacant position in the previous two (2) regular meetings prior to the Annual General Membership meeting held in the month of November, or all those that were nominated decline, nominations may then be made from the floor on Election Day.
2. Nominations will be accepted from members in attendance at the nomination meeting or from those members who have allowed their name to be filed in writing at the meeting, witnessed by another member.
3. To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must have been accepted into membership and continue to be a member in good standing.

4. A member may accept nomination for a position while holding office in any position. If successful in the election, their resignation from their current position will take effect at a time. A special Meeting for a by-election will be held no later than January 15 of the following year to fill any vacancies.
5. No member will be eligible for nomination if they are in arrears of dues and/or assessments.

(b) Elections

1. The President, Secretary-Treasurer and Unit Chief Shop Stewards are elected in even years. The Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Members-at-Large and Privacy Officer are elected in odd years.
2. At a membership meeting, at least one month prior to Election Day, the President will, subject to the approval of the members present, appoint an Elections Committee consisting of Chief Returning Officer and assistant(s). The committee will include members of the Local Union who are neither responsible for voting arrangements and shall treat information submitted to it Representative assigned to the Local Union shall serve as an advisor to the committee when requested by the Local Union.
3. The Elections Committees will determine the form of the ballot and ensure that sufficient quantities are made available in good time to the Chief Returning Officer.
4. The Chief Returning Officer will be responsible for issuing, collecting, and counting ballots. The Chief Returning Officer must be fair and impartial and see that all arrangements are unquestionably democratic.
5. The voting will take place at the Annual General Membership meeting in November. The vote will be by secret ballot.
6. Voting to fill one office will be conducted and completed, and recounts dealt with before balloting may begin to fill another office.
7. A majority of votes cast will be required before any candidate can be declared elected, and second and subsequent ballots will be taken if necessary, to obtain a majority. On the second and subsequent ballots, the candidate receiving the lowest numbers of votes in the previous ballot will be dropped.
8. In the event of a tie vote, a second and subsequent ballot(s) will be taken if necessary, until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast and can be declared elected. In the event the tie vote persists, subsequent ballots may be deferred to the next membership meeting.
9. When two (2) or more nominees are to be elected to any office by ballot, each member voting will be required to vote for the full number of candidates to be elected or the member's ballot will be declared spoiled.
10. Any member may request a recount of the votes for any election and a recount will be conducted if the request is supported, in a vote, by at least the number of members equal to the quorum for a membership meeting as set out in Section 6(c).

11. All election complaints by members will be submitted in writing to the Chief Returning Officer as soon as possible but in no circumstances will a complaint be valid if it is filed later than seven days after election. The Chief Returning Officer in conjunction with the Elections Committee will investigate the complaint and issue a ruling as soon as practical and report the ruling to the very next regular membership meeting.

(c) Installation of Officers

1. All duly elected Officers shall be installed at the meeting at which elections are held and shall continue in office for two (2) year(s) or until a successor has been elected and installed, provided, however, that no term of office shall be less than one year and no longer than three years.
2. The terms of office for Trustees shall be so that one serves for a period of three years, one for two years, and one for one year, as laid down in Article B.2.4 of the CUPE National Constitution. Each year thereafter, the Local Union shall elect one Trustee for a three (3) year period. No member who has been a signing Officer for the Local Union is eligible to run for Trustee, until at least one full term of office has elapsed.
3. The Oath of Office to be read by the newly elected Officers is:

“I, _____, promise to perform the duties of my office, as set out in the Constitution and laws of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, faithfully and to the best of my ability for the term of office. As an Officer of the Union, I will always promote the harmony and dignity of its sessions by counsel and example. I also promise to turn over all property of the Union to my successor at the end of my term.”

(d) By-elections

Should an office fall vacant for any reason, the resulting by-election should be conducted as closely as possible in conformity with this section. The term of office for any position filled through a by-election will be the term that the vacated position was initially elected to fulfill.

SECTION 11 – FEES, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS

(a) Initiation Fee

Payment of initiation fees is a tangible confirmation of the desire to become a member of your Local Union and the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Each application for membership in the Local shall be accompanied by an initiation fee of \$10.00 which shall be in addition to monthly dues and will be collected through payroll deduction. Application for membership shall comply with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Constitution. If applicable is rejected, the fee shall be returned.

(b) Readmission Fee

The readmission fee is \$5.00.

(c) Monthly Dues

The monthly dues shall be 2.0% of regular wages and does not include bonuses and/or overtime earnings.

(d) Amending Monthly Dues

Should the National Union (CUPE) Convention or any of the affiliated organizations that the Local is a member of, raise the minimum fees and/or dues above the levels established, the Bylaws shall be deemed to have been automatically amended to conform the new minimums. Otherwise the regular monthly dues may be amended at a regular or special membership meeting. The vote must be by secret ballot. Notice of at least seven days at a previous meeting or 60 days in writing must be given.

(e) Assessments

Assessments may be levied in accordance with the CUPE Constitution. Assessments do not mean or include regular monthly dues and are applied for a specific purpose or specific length of time. Membership approval is required and the assessment will only be applied after the National President approves the assessment.

(f) Non-Payment of Dues and Assessments

A member who fails to pay dues and assessments for three months is automatically suspended from membership. The suspension will be reported to the Executive Board by the Secretary Treasurer. The Executive Board will report all suspensions to the next membership meeting. The member may return to membership in good standing by paying a readmission fee and any other penalty set by the Local Union. The readmission fee cannot be less than the initiation fee of the Local Union.

SECTION 12 – EXPENDITURES

(a) Payment of Local Union Funds

Funds can only be spent for valid purposes of the Local Union under the following circumstances:

- When the expenditure is authorized by a budget approved by a majority of members present and voting at a regular or special membership meeting;
or
- When these bylaws approve the expenditure; or

- Through a vote of the majority of members present and voting at a regular or special membership meeting

(b) Payment of Per Capita Tax and Affiliation Fees

Authorization to pay per capita tax to CUPE National, to CUPE BC Provincial Division or any labour organization the Local Union is affiliated with, is not required.

(c) Payment of Local Union Funds to Members or Causes Outside of CUPE

(d) No Officer or member of Local 622 will be allowed to spend any Local Union funds without first having received authorization under Section 12(a) of these bylaws

SECTION 13 – CHILD CARE, DEPENDENT CARE, AND ELDER CARE

Caring for children, dependents or the elderly are barriers to actively participating in the union or to attending membership meetings. Local 622 is committed to removing barriers within its control so that all members have equal access to participation.

- (a) When it is practical and demand warrants, Local 622 will provide on-site childcare at all Local Union membership meetings. Where on-site childcare is not provided, and in the case of dependent care or elder care, members will be reimbursed to a maximum of the living wage for the area for each hour of required care. Reimbursement will be provided upon proof of payment.
- (b) Any member who is on authorized Local 622 business shall be eligible for childcare, dependent care, and/or elder care expenses where required. Upon proof of payment, claims shall be reimbursed to a maximum of the living wage for the area for each hour of care required.
- (c) Claims will not be paid for a spouse, partner or a family member who normally provides care without charges. Claims will not be paid for periods of time where a member would normally have paid for care such as during normal hours of work at their job.

SECTION 14 – DELEGATES TO CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, AND EDUCATIONALS

- (a) CUPE conventions, conferences and education delegates can be approved at the discretion of the Executive with the concurrence of the Secretary-Treasurer. Such a decision shall be brought forward to the membership
- (b) Delegates to the BC Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) District Labour Council and delegates to the Fraser Valley District CUPE Council shall be elected annually. A member responsible for reporting back to the Local Union membership shall be appointed by the President from among these delegates, and the member appointed shall make a written report of each Local Union membership meeting on proceedings as recent meetings of the council. The Local Union will reimburse the member's employer for any loss of wages.
- (c) All delegates attending conventions, conferences or educationals shall not suffer any loss of wages.
- (d) All out of pocket expenses (per diems and mileage rates) are to follow the CUPE BC expense policy.
- (e) Local 622 encourages the participation of women and all equity-seeking groups in their delegation to conventions, conferences, and educationals

SECTION 15 – COMMITTEES

(a) Special Committees

A special committee may be established for a specified purpose and a specified period of time by the membership at a meeting. The members shall be elected at a membership meeting or may, by specific authorization of the membership, be appointed by the President or the Executive Board. Two members of the Board may sit on any special committee as ex-officio members.

1. Negotiating Committee

This will be a special committee established at least 6 months prior to the expiry of the Local Union's collective agreement and automatically disbanded when a new collective agreement has been signed. The function of the committee is to prepare collective bargaining proposals and to negotiate a collective agreement. The committee shall consist of the President, the Chief Shop Steward and 3 members, all elected at a membership meeting. The National Representative assigned to the Local Union shall be a non-voting member of the committee and shall be consulted at all stages from formulating proposals, through negotiations, to contract ratification by the membership.

(b) Permanent Committees

The Chairperson of each permanent committee will be elected by the members at a membership meeting. Permanent committees will have a term of two (2) years. The Chairperson and the Executive Board may, with the approval of the membership, jointly appoint other members to serve on a committee. Committees will provide written reports to each regular membership meeting. The Vice-President shall be a member, ex-officio, of each committee.

There shall be 5 permanent committees as follows:

1. Grievance Committee

This committee will:

- Oversee the handling of all local grievances.
- Receive copies of all grievances.
- Prepare a report on the status of all grievances to be submitted to the Executive Board, the National Representative, and to the membership meeting.
- When a grievance is not settled in the initial steps provided for in the collective agreement, this committee will decide whether or not the grievance should proceed to arbitration.
- If the decision is to not proceed, the grievor(s) may appeal the decision to the Executive Board

The committee members will be a Vice-President, a Chief Shop Steward and one (1) steward. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members. The National Representative assigned to the Local Union shall be a non-voting member of the committee and shall be consulted at all stages.

2. Education Committee

This committee will:

- Gather information about appropriate courses, the availability of the courses, and make recommendations to the Local Union on whether or not members should be attending.
- Assist delegates in the preparation of reports to the membership on seminars and conferences and maintain a reference file of these reports.
- Cooperate with the National Union Development Department and Communications Branch of CUPE, and with the regional Education Representative, in implementing both the Local Union's and CUPE's policies in these fields.

The committee members will be the Vice-President, one (1) Member-at-Large as appointed by the President and one (1) member elected at the general meeting. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members.

3. Labour/Management Committee

This committee will:

- Attend joint Labour/Management Committee meetings in order to develop and maintain a continuous effective channel of Labour-Management communication.
- Prepare a report on the items discussed at the Labour/Management meetings to be submitted to the Executive Board and to the membership meeting.

The committee members will be the President, the Unit Vice President, the Recording Secretary, the Unit Chief Shop Steward and one (1) Member-at-Large as appointed by the President. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members.

4. Health and Safety Committee

This committee will:

- Work to educate members on the importance of workplace health and safety.
- Prepare and present reports to the regular membership meetings.
- Organize on April 28th Day of Mourning ceremony each year.
- Participate on the Joint Worksite Health and Safety Committees (JWH&SC) at their workplace.
- Ensure that the worker representatives on the JWH&SC meet separately from the employer to prepare for meetings with the employer.
- Promote safe work procedures and environments so as to prevent illness and injury as a result of workplace factors.
- Immediately bring to the attention of the employer any workplace hazard that has the potential to cause members' illness or injury.
- Work to eliminate all workplace hazards, be they physical, environmental, or social.

Members of this committee should be designated as a "Certified Worker Representative" in accordance with the legislation in their respective jurisdictions (provincial, federal).

The committee members will be the elected JOHS Committee Chairperson(s), a Vice President and two (2) members. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members.

5. Social Committee

This committee will:

- Arrange and conduct all social, cultural, and recreational activities of the Local Union, either on the committee's own initiative or as a result of decisions taken at membership meetings. The committee shall submit reports and proposals to the Executive Board or to the membership as required.
- Extend the Local Union's condolences in the event of the death of a member or one of their immediate family, and make other appropriate gestures in accordance with custom or the wishes of the family concerned.

A budget for the committee will be fixed annually by the membership but, other than that, all social, cultural, and recreational events and activities shall be self-supporting.

The committee members will be a Vice President, one (1) Member-at Large as appointed by the President and two (2) members, and may appoint a Secretary-Treasurer from among its members.

6. Anti-Privatization Committee

This committee will:

- Monitor the employer for attempts to contract out or privatize CUPE jobs.
- Raise awareness among members and the community about privatization and contracting out issues.
- Acts to challenge the Employer to bring more work back in-house.
- Develop publication materials for the media promoting the merits of public service.

The committee members will be the President, a Vice President, one Member at Large, and three (3) members elected at the general meeting. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members.

7. Respectful Workplace Committee

This committee will:

- Monitor for any behaviour that might deny individuals their dignity and respect.
- Promote positive forms of conflict resolution in the workplace so as to encourage constructive conflict resolution and prevent destructive conflict.
- Help provide a work environment that upholds the principles of respect, inclusiveness, fairness and equality by reviewing the Employer's relevant policies and procedures and making recommendations for improvement to the Labour Management Committee.
- Review and make recommendations to the Executive Board for improvements to the Local 622 Code of Conduct and Conflict Resolution Protocols

The committee members will be a Vice President, one Member at Large and two (2) members elected at the general meeting. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members.

SECTION 16 – COMPLAINTS AND TRIALS

All charges against members or Officers must be made in writing and dealt with in accordance with the Trial Procedure provisions of the CUPE National Constitution.

SECTION 17 – RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of the Local Union will be conducted in accordance with the basic principles of Canadian parliamentary procedure. Some of the more important rules to ensure free and fair debate are appended to these bylaws as Appendix C. These rules shall be considered as an integral part of the bylaws and may be amended only by the same procedure used to amend the bylaws.

In situations not covered by Appendix C to these bylaws, the CUPE National Constitution may provide guidance, but, if the situation is not dealt with there, Bourinot's Rules of Order shall be consulted and applied.

SECTION 18 – AMENDMENTS

(a) CUPE Constitution

These bylaws are always subordinate to the CUPE Constitution (including Appendix B) as it now exists or may be amended from time to time, and in the event of any conflict between these bylaws and the CUPE constitution, the latter shall govern. The National President has the sole authority to interpret the CUPE Constitution.

(b) Additional Bylaws

A Local Union can amend or add to its bylaws only if:

- (i) The amended or additional bylaws do not conflict with the CUPE Constitution
- (ii) The amended or additional bylaws are approved by majority vote at a regular membership meeting or at a special membership meeting called for that purpose; and
- (iii) Notice of the intention to propose the amended or additional bylaws was given at least seven days before at a previous membership meeting or 60 days before in writing.

(c) Effective Date of Amended or Additional Bylaws

The amended or additional bylaws do not come into effect until they have been approved in writing by the National President. The National President will decide whether to approve the amended or additional bylaws within 90 days of receiving them and will withhold approval only where they conflict with the CUPE Constitution.

SECTION 19 – PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BYLAWS

Members will receive a copy of Local 622 bylaws, either in paper format or via the Local Union website at www.622.cupe.ca. Members requesting a copy of these bylaws will be provided a copy either French or English as requested. Members with special needs may request a copy of the bylaws in larger font.

APPENDIX A

CUPE NATIONAL EQUALITY STATEMENT

Union Solidarity is based on the principle that union members are equal and deserve mutual respect at all levels. Any behavior that creates conflict prevents us from working together to strengthen our union.

As unionists, mutual respect, cooperation, and understand are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behavior that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

Discriminatory speech or conduct which is racist, sexist, transphobic, or homophobic hurts and thereby divides us. So too does discrimination on the basis of ability, age, class, religion, and ethnic origin.

Sometimes discrimination takes the form of harassment. Harassment means using real or perceived power to abuse, devalue, or humiliate. Harassment should not be treated as a joke. The uneasiness and resentment that it creates are not feeling that help us grow as a union.

Discrimination and harassment focus on characteristics that make us different; and they reduce our capacity to work together on shared concerns such as decent wages, safe working conditions, and justice in the workplace, society, and in our union.

CUPE's policies and practices must reflect our commitment to equality. Members, staff, and elected officers must be mindful that all persons deserve dignity, equality, and respect.

APPENDIX B

CODE OF CONDUCT

Local 622 is committed to ensuring that all of its meeting and activities are safe environments where members are encouraged to speak. Existing members are encouraged to welcome, mentor and support new members and equity-seeking members.

Local 622 strives to promote core clause which include the principles of solidarity, equality, democracy, integrity, and respect. We are committed to mobilizing our energy and skills to work together and promote these values and to attain these goals in our union, our communities, and globally.

Local 622 is committed to creating a union which is inclusive, welcoming, and free from harassment, discrimination and all types of bullying and intimidation. Local 622 needs to ensure that it provides a safe environment for members, staff and elected officers to carry out our work. Local 622 expects that mutual respect, understanding, and co-operation will be the basis of our interaction.

This Code of Conduct for Local 622 sets out standards of behaviors for members at meetings, and all other events organized by Local 622. It is consistent with the expectations outlined in the Equality Statement, CUPE National Constitution and these bylaws. It does not apply to complaints arising in the workplace, as those are dealt with through the grievance procedure and/or the applicable workplace harassment policy.

As members of Local 622 we commit to one another and to the union to be governed by the principles of the Code of Conduct and agree to:

- Abide by the provisions of the Equality Statement;
- Respect the views of others, even when we disagree;
- Recognize and value individual differences;
- Communicate openly;
- Support and encourage each other;
- Make sure that we do not harass or discriminate against each other;
- Commit to not engaging in offensive comment or conduct;
- Make sure that we do not act in ways that are aggressive, bullying, or intimidating; and
- Take responsibility for not engaging in inappropriate behaviors due to abuse of alcohol or other drugs while participating in union activities, including social events.

Harassment is objectionable behavior which may include actions, language, gestures, and/or written material, and which the harasser knows or ought reasonably to know is abusive and unwelcome. Bullying is a form of harassment which is serious ongoing

behavior which targets an individual or group and which threatens that person or persons' mental and/or physical well-being.

A complaint regarding this Code of Conduct will be handled as follows:

1. If possible, a member may attempt to deal directly with the person alleged to have engaged in behaviors contrary to the Code, by asking the person to stop such behavior. If that's not possible, or if it does not resolve the problem, a member may bring forward a complaint.
2. Once a complaint is received, a designated Officer of the Local Union will work to seek a resolution.
3. If this fails to resolve the matter, the designated Officer of the Local Union shall report the matter to the person in charge, who shall determine whether there is need to remove the member. The person in charge has the authority to expel members from the event for serious or persistent offenses.

This Code of Conduct is designed to create a safe, respectful and supportive environment within CUPE. It is meant to enhance the rights and obligations outlined in the Bylaws of Local 622, the CUPE National Constitution, The Equality Statement, and applicable human rights legislation, not replace them.

This Code of Conduct does not replace a member's right to access the trial provisions of the CUPE National Constitution.

APPENDIX C

RULES OF ORDER

1. The President will be the Chairperson at all membership meetings. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will be the Chairperson at the membership meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Recording Secretary will be the Chairperson at the membership meeting. In the absence of the President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary, members at the membership meeting will select a Chairperson by majority vote. Quorum rules must be met.
2. Members are not allowed to speak about an issue for more than five (5) minutes. Members can only speak to an issue once unless there is agreement by the members at a meeting, or where all those wishing to speak have had the opportunity to speak.
3. The Chairperson of a committee who is making a report or the mover of a motion may speak for up to fifteen (15) minutes. With the agreement of the members present, the fifteen (15) minutes may be expanded.
4. The Chairperson will state every motion presented at a membership meeting before allowing debate on the motion. Before putting a motion to vote, the Chairperson will ask: "Is the Local ready for the motion?" If no member rises to speak, the motion will be voted upon.
5. A motion must be moved and seconded. The mover and seconder must rise and be recognized by the Chairperson.
6. A motion to amend a motion, or a motion to amend an amendment are allowed, however a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment is not allowed.
7. An amendment to a motion or an amendment to an amendment to a motion that is direct negative to the main motion is never permitted.
8. On motion, the regular order of business at a membership meeting may be suspended where two-thirds of those present vote to do so. The regular order of business should only be suspended to deal with urgent business.

9. Motions other than those named in Rule 19, or motions to accept or adopt the report of a committee, will, if requested by the Chairperson, be put in writing prior to beginning debate and vote.
10. At the request of a member, and upon a majority vote, a motion which contains more than one action or issue can be divided
11. The mover of a motion can withdraw the motion upon the consent of the seconder prior to the end of the debate. Once debate has ended on a motion, the motion can only be withdrawn upon unanimous vote of the members present.
12. A member who wishes to speak on a motion, or a member who wishes to move a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Chairperson. The member shall not proceed until the member is recognized by the Chairperson except where the member rises to a point of order or on a question of privilege.
13. The Chairperson will keep a speakers list and in all cases will determine the order of speakers including those circumstances where two (2) or more members rise to speak at the same time.
14. A member, while speaking, will speak only to the issue under debate. Members shall not personally attack other members. Members will refrain from using language that is offensive or in poor taste. Members will generally not speak in a manner that reflects poorly on the Local Union or other members.
15. A member that is called to order will stop speaking until the point of order is determined. If it is decided that the member is in order, then the member may continue speaking.
16. Religious discussion of any kind is not permitted.
17. The Chairperson will not take part in any debate. Where the Chairperson wishes to speak on a resolution or motion, or where the Chairperson wishes to move a motion, the Chairperson must rise from the chair and hand the chair over as outlined in Rule #1.
18. The Chairperson will have the same right to vote as other members. In the case of a tie vote, the Chairperson may cast another vote or the Chairperson may refrain from casting an additional vote, in which case the motion is defeated.

19. When a motion is before the members, no other motions are in order except a motion to 1) adjourn; 2) put the previous question; 3) lay on the table; 4) postpone for a definite time; 5) refer; or 6) divide or amend. These six (6) motions shall have precedence in the order indicated. Motions 1 through 3 shall be decided without debate.
20. The Chairperson will ask "Will the main question be now put?" When a motion for the previous question is moved and seconded. If approved, the Chairperson will then take votes on the motion and amendments to the motion (if any) in order of priority. If an amendment or an amendment to an amendment is approved, then members will be asked to vote on the motion as amended.
21. A motion to adjourn is in order except when a member is speaking or when members are voting.
22. A motion to adjourn, if lost, is not in order if there is further business before the Local Union, until fifteen minutes have elapsed.
23. After the Chairperson declares the vote results on a question, and before the Local Union proceeds to another order of business, any member can ask for a division. A standing vote on the division will be taken and the Recording Secretary will count the standing vote.
24. If a member wishes to appeal a decision of the Chairperson, the member must appeal at the time the decision is made. If the appeal is seconded, the member will be asked to state briefly the basis for the appeal. The Chairperson will then state briefly the reasons for the decision. Following immediately and without debate, the Chairperson will ask, "Will the decision of the chair be upheld?" A majority vote shall decide. In the event of a tie vote, the decision of the chair is upheld.
25. At a membership meeting where a question has been decided any two (2) members who voted with the majority can give notice of a motion to reconsider a decision of the membership at the next membership meeting. The motion to reconsider requires the support of a two-thirds majority of members who vote. If two-thirds majority of members support reconsideration, the question will be placed in front of the membership for debate and subsequent vote.
26. Members are allowed to leave a meeting with the permission of the Vice-President; however, in no case will a member leave during the reading of minutes, the initiation of new members, the installation of Officers or the taking of a vote.

27. The Local Union's business and the proceedings of the meeting are not to be divulged to any persons outside the Local Union, or the Canadian Union of Public Employees.