

NUFA Constitution Committee
REPORT, 10-22-2014

NUFA Constitution Committee:

The NUFA Constitution Committee met on October 20, 2014, with all members present. We discussed the matters brought forward by the Executive, and the committee's responses are below, item #1. One additional matter was discussed, with a request to the Executive as below, item #2.

1) Response to of the questions referred by the NUFA Executive

- a. Re Question Period and a prescribed format for the AGM and GMM: We consider Question Period to be an important component of membership meetings. While it is implied that questions can be asked at any time in a meeting, having Question Period as a formal component ensures that members have a formal structure in which to ask questions and encourage discussion, and thus should be included in the format for meetings specified in 7.8. We recommend that Question Period be listed as 7.8.a-5.0, with the present items numbered 5.0-13.0 renumbered appropriately.
- b. Re Voting Procedures: We are unsure whether we can in fact legally accept email ballots for contract ratification or strike votes. We suggest this question be referred to CAUT or other knowledgeable source for advice. If email voting is permitted under present law(s), we recommend the following:
 - Electronic votes can be submitted at any time from the start of in-person ballots, to the close of the in-person ballot on the third day.
 - All in-person voting should be from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in order to ensure that all members have the opportunity of an in-person vote.
 - As per 14.2, "the Executive will provide balloting on the other campuses" should also appear in 9.2 following "the day of the AGM".
- c. Re the language around "Bargaining Unit" vs. "Association" in 18.2.h: We agree that the language "bargaining unit" should replace "Association" in the two places in this article.

- 2) Other Business: The Constitution Committee requests that the Executive send out a call to the membership for any questions or concerns regarding the Constitution to be referred to the Constitution Committee, to be referred to the committee chair within a set period of time (e.g. 3 weeks, 1 month).

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Adler, Chair