

WORDING OF MOTIONS

The potential need for AMPA Steering to make changes to motions can be minimized by following these guidelines on the wording of motions.

Policy Motions

OSSTF/FEESO Policies are statements of what we, as an organization, believe, should be followed. Policies are for things beyond our control or that we suggest should be true instead of things that we could change ourselves. Policies remain in effect for ten years unless rescinded or renewed.

Wording

Policy motions follow a general format. “Be It Resolved That it is the policy of OSSTF/FEESO that ... should ...”

For example: “Be It Resolved That it is the policy of OSSTF/FEESO that all District School Boards should require that their supervisory officers wear green.”

AMPA Steering will then insert appropriate wording to ensure that the motion will be placed into the appropriate location in the handbook. For the above example, the motion might be changed to read:

Be It Resolved That Policy 11.5 be amended by the insertion of a new section that reads: “It is the policy of OSSTF/FEESO that all District School Boards should require that their supervisory officers wear green.”

Action (MAC) Motions

Action motions are instructions requesting or directing that certain actions be taken. If an action is requested, it may or may not be carried out. If an action is directed, it must be carried out. The action stated in the motion must be entirely within the control of the person or body expected to take action.

Wording

Action motions also follow a general format: “Be It Resolved That AMPA request that [someone does something.]”

For example: “Be It Resolved That AMPA requests that the Provincial Executive ensures that all members receive cards on their birthdays.”

Once carried, MAC motions remain in effect for three years (unless otherwise explicitly noted in the motion), at which time they expire unless brought back before AMPA for consideration.

REPRESENTATION – DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Bylaw 11.1 (of the 2020-2021 OSSTF/FEESO Handbook) states:

11.1 Provincial Assembly

11.1.1 Meetings

11.1.1.1 Any Member of OSSTF/FEESO may attend a meeting of the Provincial Assembly and, with the permission of the Chairperson, may participate in discussions, but shall not have the right to vote. (A.16)

11.1.1.2 The Provincial Assembly shall hold its Annual Meeting at a time and place to be arranged by the Provincial Executive and, in case of emergency, may hold other meetings at such times as may be determined by the Provincial Executive or the Provincial Council. (A.16)

11.1.1.3 40% of the voting members of the Provincial Assembly shall constitute a quorum. (A.16)