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41st Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Thursday, January 19 to Sunday, January 22, 2023

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## OPENING PLENARY – 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 19

19:03 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chirino.

### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Sam George and his brother Les George, from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation welcomed delegates with a prayer and song. Delegates were encouraged to continuously engage in learning about the history of and advocating for and practising reconciliation in their lives.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL UNIONS

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| Local 01 Okanagan College Students' Union                     | Present |
| Local 02 Selkirk College Students' Union                      | Present |
| Local 04 College of New Caledonia Students' Union             | Present |
| Local 05 Thompson Rivers University Students' Union           | Present |
| Local 06 Douglas Students' Union                              | Present |
| Local 10 Emily Carr Students' Union                           | Present |
| Local 12 Students' Union Okanagan of UBC                      | Present |
| Local 13 Vancouver Island University Students' Union          | Present |
| Local 14 Coast Mountain Students' Union                       | Present |
| Local 15 North Island Students' Union                         | Present |
| Local 16 Students' Union of Vancouver Community College       | Present |
| Local 17 Camosun College Student Society                      | Present |
| Local 20 Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society | Present |
| Local 21 Justice Institute Students' Union                    | Present |
| Local 22 Quest University Students' Association               | Present |

Quorum was declared to have been achieved.

### 3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Chirino explained that the plenary was the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting and that a Plenary Speaker was responsible for chairing the plenary sessions. She said the Executive Committee was recommending that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the general meeting and that Hashemi had a long history of involvement with the Federation, and extensive experience chairing general and board meetings for students' unions and other organisations.

#### 2023/01:01 MOTION

Local 6/Local 16

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the 41st Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 4. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

#### 2023/01:02 MOTION

Local 14/Local 22

Be it resolved that the plenary agenda for the 41st Annual General Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 5. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

#### 2023/01:03 MOTION

Local 12/Local 4

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 41st Annual General Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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### **6. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES**

#### **a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures**

Hashemi provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order—the system of the Federation's meeting rules and procedures for plenary sessions, general meeting committee meetings, and caucus meetings.

#### **b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting**

Reid said that the Federation strives to create an environment at its general meetings that is free of harassment. She said that Internal Affairs Policy Section G states that at each general meeting of the Federation, a Grievance Resolution Committee is struck and that plenary ratifies its members at the Federation's semi-annual general meeting, one being Federation staff, and two members that are selected by delegates.

Reid provided a brief orientation to the Federation's harassment policy and informed delegates of where they can find the contact information for the Federation's current Grievance Resolution Committee members.

#### **c. Presentation by the Staff Relations Officer**

Chairperson Chirino, who serves as the Federation's Staff Relations Officer, provided a brief presentation on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of Federation employees at general meetings.

### **7. ADOPTION OF 82nd SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

2023/01:04

#### **MOTION**

Local 1/Local 6

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 82nd Semi-Annual General Meeting be adopted.

#### **CARRIED**

### **8. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

#### **a. Introduction of Chief Electoral Officer**

Hashemi said that in accordance with Internal Affairs Policy B-2, the Executive Committee had appointed Organiser Davies to act as Chief Returning Officer for all elections to be conducted at the annual general meeting.

#### **b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures**

Organiser Davies provided an overview of the election schedule and procedures.

#### **c. Striking of Electoral Committee**

Hashemi said that Internal Affairs Policy B-3 states that the Electoral Committee "shall be struck at the opening plenary and shall consist of:

- i. the Chief Returning Officer; and
- ii. two delegates, not seeking election".

Hashemi said the two other members of the Committee would be selected at this time. 3 delegates were nominated, and an election took place.

Local 10 delegate Ishika Tripathi nominated Local 10 delegate Lori MacDonald. MacDonald accepted the nomination.

Local 13 delegate Cole Reinbold nominated Local 13 delegate Sydney Sullivan. Sullivan accepted the nomination.

Local 22 delegate Syrine Gamra nominated Local 22 delegate Clovis Hatungimana. Hatungimana accepted the nomination.

**2023/01:05****MOTION**

Local 10/Local 13

Be it resolved that Organiser Davies, Local 13 delegate Sydney Sullivan, and Local 10 delegate Lori MacDonald be ratified as members of the Electoral Committee.

**CARRIED****9. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEES****a. Striking of General Meeting Committees****2023/01:06****MOTION**

Local 6/Local 21

Be it resolved that a Campaigns and Government Relations Committee, Finance Committee, Organisational Development Committee, and Services Committee be struck.

**CARRIED****b. Adoption of Committee and Forum Agendas****2023/01:07****MOTION**

Local 1/Local 20

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee, the agenda for the Finance Committee, the agenda for the Organisational Development Committee and the agenda for the Services Committee be adopted.

**CARRIED****10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Hashemi said that the following motions were submitted with due notice for consideration at this meeting and will require a mover and a seconder during opening plenary.

**2023/01:08****MOTION**

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas the Federation's Executive Committee composition has not been reviewed since the 1990s; and

Whereas the Federation's structure, capacity, and membership has changed drastically over the years; and

Whereas there are six members of the Executive at Large, two of which are full-time directors; and

Whereas the positions Campaigns Coordinator, Womens' Student Representative, and Services Coordinator were created when the Federation had only a single staff person; and

Whereas the Federation has deployed more resources and changed meeting structures which does not allow for those positions to have a clear mandate; and

Whereas those positions were intended to bring diversity of lived experiences to the Executive Committee; and

Whereas the positions do not provide sufficient direction to incoming directors; and

Whereas the Executive Committee undertook a consultative process to reform the at-large positions to provide them with more responsibilities, a clear directive, and to ensure the Federation's Executive Committee remains diverse to strengthen the decision-making process; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I section 1.7 be amended to read as follows:

**1.7 At-Large Positions**

The "at-large" positions on the Executive Committee are:

- a. Chairperson;
- b. Director at Large (4)
- c. Indigenous Caucus Chairperson; and

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d. Secretary-Treasurer.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V section 5.2 be amended to read as follows:

### **5.2 Composition**

The Executive Committee will be composed of:

- Chairperson
- Director at Large (4)
- Indigenous Caucus Chairperson
- Representative–Local 1 Members
- Representative–Local 2 Members
- Representative–Local 4 Members
- Representative–Local 5 Members
- Representative–Local 6 Members
- Representative–Local 10 Members
- Representative–Local 12 Members
- Representative–Local 13 Members
- Representative–Local 14 Members
- Representative–Local 15 Members
- Representative–Local 16 Members
- Representative–Local 17 Members
- Representative–Local 20 Members
- Representative–Local 21 Members
- Representative–Local 22 Members
- Secretary-Treasurer

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XI be repealed and replaced with:

### **BYLAW XI**

#### **Duties of the Directors at large**

##### **11.1 General Duties**

The Directors at Large shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee. The following work will be split across all members of the Executive at Large according to time and interest. Work will be centrally coordinated through the provincial office.

##### **11.2 Submission of Reports**

The Directors at Large shall present at each Executive Committee meeting, a written report summarising their activities since the previous meeting.

##### **11.3 Campaigns and Government Relations**

The Directors at Large shall be responsible for the preparation and implementation of the annual campaigns and government relations strategy. This includes but is not limited to activities like on-campus engagement, media relations, facilitating campaign check-ins, and attendance of in-community events.

##### **11.4 Membership Development**

The Directors at Large shall be responsible for assisting in membership outreach. This includes but is not limited to attending on-campus events, assisting with the development and distribution of membership materials, and engaging with members on social media.

##### **11.5 Responsibilities at General Meetings**

The Directors at Large shall assist with facilitating General Meetings including introducing speakers, facilitating sessions, supporting breakout groups, and planning socials.

##### **11.6 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Directors at Large shall assist with facilitating Executive Committee meetings including chairing sections of the meeting, supporting breakout groups, and planning socials.

**11.7 Representing the Federation**

The Directors at Large shall, at the direction of the Executive Committee, represent the Federation at meetings or conferences the Federation is invited to or chosen to participate in when applicable.

**11.8 Services**

The Directors at Large shall assist with the implementation of services. This includes but is not limited to canvassing for student discounts for the Deals App, editing handbooks, helping secure items for the bulk purchase program, and assisting developing the Federation's bulk purchase order.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XIII be struck;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XV be struck;

Be it further resolved that any references in bylaws and policy to Indigenous Students' Representative be changed to Indigenous Caucus Chairperson;

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended as follows:

**STANDING RESOLUTION 7**

**Executive Remuneration**

The remuneration for Executive Committee members will be as follows:

a. Chairperson

The Chairperson will receive a stipend of \$3,800.00 per month, medical, dental and eye wear benefits. The salary shall be adjusted by the Vancouver Consumer Price Index each year on May 1 beginning in 2024.

b. Directors at Large

The Directors at Large will receive a stipend of \$500.00 per month. The stipend shall be adjusted by the Vancouver Consumer Price Index each year on May 1 beginning in 2024.

c. Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer will receive a stipend of \$3,800.00 per month, medical, dental and eye wear benefits. The salary shall be adjusted by the Vancouver Consumer Price Index each year on May 1 beginning in 2024.

d. Indigenous Caucus Chairperson

The Indigenous Caucus Chairperson will receive a stipend of \$500.00 per month. The stipend shall be adjusted by the Vancouver Consumer Price Index each year on May 1 beginning in 2024.

Be it further resolved that these changes come into effect at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**11. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FROM MEMBER LOCAL UNIONS**

Hashemi said that the following motions had been submitted with due notice for consideration at the meeting and will require a seconder.

**2023/01:09**

**MOTION**

Local 6/Local 15

Whereas the Federation has no internal affairs policy to outline how Locals travel to meetings; and

Whereas having guidelines on expectations for travel can help reduce the workload for the Federation's office and provide clarity to member locals; therefore

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section S: Travel to Federation Meetings be adopted.

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### TRAVEL TO FEDERATION MEETINGS

Travel to Federation meetings will be booked using the most economical way that balances travel time, weather conditions, and reasonability. All travel requirements are due by the registration deadline for each event, unless the Local informed the Federation of the need for an extension. Any travel requests that come in past the registration deadline will result in the Local being charged for any additional expense incurred by the Federation because of the late registration.

The Federation will book travel times based on the given availability of the traveller at the time of submitting their registration requirements. Any traveller looking to arrive before or after a meeting may change their ticket through the airlines and pay the difference. Requests for alternate travel times will be considered with prior arrangement to booking but will not be guaranteed.

For all travel, the Federation will account for severe or harsh weather that makes travel dangerous. This includes changing travel plans to account for highway or road closures or flash events like flooding, forest fires, or sudden storms. Any change to travel necessary due to changes in conditions will be covered by the Federation. In the winter, travel from the province's interior will be done by air primarily for safety.

For air travel, the Federation will prioritize direct flights where possible and will give preference to unionized airlines. The Federation will also cover the cost of one checked bag but recommends that the traveller use a carry-on when possible. For baggage expenses to be reimbursed an itemized receipt will be required. Travel from the airport to the meeting site will either be done by hotel shuttles, when available, or ground travel arranged by the Federation. Delegates' return flights will be booked to their departure location, primarily their students' union office location unless alternate arrangements have been made with the Federation prior to booking.

For ground travel the Federation will prioritize the use of vehicles and carpool, where possible. Private vehicles will only be used when there is appropriate insurance, and the vehicle is in the appropriate condition. Rental vehicles will be used if they are more affordable, or a private vehicle is not available. When not possible, the Federation will consider other modes of transportation like public transit, charter buses, or ride-hailing services. For transportation to be reimbursed, an itemized receipt will need to be produced. For ground travel, Locals will not be expected to drive more than five hours, calculated based on departure from the Local's students' union office; if ground travel exceeds five hours, air travel will be primarily selected.

For ferry travel, the Federation will reimburse for car costs based on factors including size of delegation and the travel needs after arrival at the ferry terminals. In some cases, the Federation may cover walk-on ferry tickets but allow for taxi or ride-hailing services upon the arrivals.

The mode of transportation will be chosen based on meeting types as follows:

#### a. General Meetings/Skills Development Symposium/Consortium Meetings held in Vancouver

**Lower Mainland:** Delegates will be expected to carpool or use public transit where travel time to the hotel is less than an hour. The Federation will connect with the Local and make the arrangements based on the delegation and where they live. Locals may also be asked to carpool together.

**Southern/Mid Island:** The Federation will work with Locals to arrange ferry travel with the use of a vehicle. Smaller delegations may be asked to walk-on the ferry.

**North Island:** The Federation will typically arrange ground/ferry travel with the use of a vehicle unless inclement weather makes it unsafe to do so. In the case of smaller delegations, the Federation will select air travel if it is more economical than ground travel.

**Interior:** The Federation will typically arrange ground travel unless inclement weather makes it unsafe. In the case of smaller delegations, the Federation will select air travel if it is more economical than ground travel. Locals may also be asked to travel together.

**North:** The Federation will book air travel for delegations. Travel to the airport will be organized in groups, with a preference for modes of transportation that incur the lowest fee.

#### b. General Meetings/Skills Development Symposium/Consortium Meetings held outside Vancouver

**Lower Mainland:** The Federation will typically arrange ground travel. Locals may also be asked to carpool together.

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Depending on the meeting location, additional considerations will be made case-by-case basis.

#### c. Executive Committee Meetings

**Lower Mainland:** The Federation will arrange the use of public transit where travel time to the hotel is less than an hour. In other circumstances, the Federation will arrange the use of ground travel.

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**Interior:** The Federation will book air travel.

**North:** The Federation will book air travel.

If Locals prefer to use a different mode of transportation than listed above, they will only be reimbursed for the total value of the travel method listed above unless pre-approved by the Federation. All alternative modes of transportation and arrangements must be pre-approved by the Federation to be eligible for reimbursements.

2023/01:10

#### MOTION TO REFER

Local 21/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2023/01:09 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

#### CARRIED

2023/01:09

#### REFERRED

2023/01:11

#### MOTION

Local 10/Local 15

Whereas the Executive Committee holds four regular in-person meetings no less than four (4) times per year, exclusive of meetings scheduled in conjunction with the general meetings; and

Whereas there are added abilities for the Executive Committee to hold electronic voting afforded by the Bylaw XIX; and

Whereas there are currently two regular meetings in the fall semester, happening during two of the busiest times of the semester – September and December; in comparison, there is only one regular meeting in each winter and spring semester; and

Whereas participation in the December meeting is challenging for Executive Committee members due to final exams and end-of-semester academic commitments; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V section 5.4. a be amended as:

#### ~~5.4 Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee~~

- ~~a. The Executive Committee shall meet in person no less than four (4) times per annum, exclusive of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled in conjunction with each general meeting, and these shall be deemed regular Executive Committee meetings.~~

#### 5.4 Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee shall meet in person no less than three (3) times per annum, exclusive of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled in conjunction with each general meeting, and these shall be deemed regular Executive Committee meetings.

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**2023/01:12      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 21/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2023/01:11 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2023/01:11      REFERRED**

**2023/01:13      MOTION**

Local 13/Local 15

Whereas the Federation coordinates the bulk purchase of licences for member local unions to participate in the Ready Education Inc. campus app partnership; and

Whereas the 36th Annual General Meeting adopted Internal Affairs Policy, Section O, which outlines the cost-sharing agreement between the Federation and participating member local unions; and

Whereas Internal Affairs Policy, Section O, needs to be renewed; and

Whereas the Federation negotiates and renews the bulk license agreement with Ready Education every two years; and

Whereas the Federation's agreement will be renewed August 1, 2023; and

Whereas the Federation renews its internal agreements with participating locals on an annual basis; and

Whereas the Federation is not proposing any changes to the existing cost-sharing structure at this time; and

Whereas OOHLALA Mobile Inc. was acquired by and is now owned by Ready Education inc.;

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy, Section O, be amended to read:

~~**4. Sunset Clause**~~

~~This policy shall expire by July 2019 unless renewed at a general meeting.~~

**4. Cost-Sharing Review**

This policy shall be reviewed on a biannual basis, as part of the Federation's process in which it renews its agreement with Ready Education Inc, to ensure the cost-sharing structure is reflective of any substantial changes to the cost of the service.

Should changes be proposed, they will be reviewed at a general meeting and participating member local unions will be given 6 months advanced notice before changes to the cost-sharing structure take effect.

Be it further resolved that any reference to OOHLALA or OOHLALA Mobile Inc. be replaced with Ready Education or Ready Education Inc.

**2023/01:14      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 21/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2023/01:13 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2023/01:13      REFERRED**

**2023/01:15      MOTION**

Local 13/Local 15

Whereas the wages for full-time members of the Executive Committee have not been reviewed since August 2015; and

Whereas the cost of living in the Greater Vancouver Area has far exceeded the amount allocated to pay full-time members of the Executive Committee; and

Whereas the current stipends have not kept pace with the cost of living; therefore

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee investigate changes to increase the stipends received by full-time members of the Executive Committee; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee present a proposed change at the 84<sup>th</sup> Semi Annual General Meeting.



**2023/01:16      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 21/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2023/01:15 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2023/01:15      REFERRED**

**12.    PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Chirino provided an overview of work undertaken by the Executive Committee since the previous semi-annual general meeting.

**13.    LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patigdas made a series of logistical announcements.

**14.    RECESS**

**2023/01:17      MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 5/Local 10

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 10:00am.

**CARRIED**

20:00 the meeting recessed.

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### CLOSING PLENARY – 10:00 AM, Sunday, January 22

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#### 2. ELECTION OF AT-LARGE POSITIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Electoral Committee conducted an election for the positions of Chairperson, Director At Large (4) Indigenous Caucus Chairperson, and Secretary-Treasurer.

#### 3. PRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS' CAUCUS REPORT

Indigenous Students' Representative Cunningham reported on work of the Caucus during the general meeting.

#### 4. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### 2023/01:18 MOTION

Local 6/Local 22

Be it resolved that the 2021-22 audited financial statements be approved.

**CARRIED**

##### 2023/01:19 MOTION

Local 4/Local 2

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny LLP be appointed as the auditor for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

**CARRIED**

##### 2023/01:20 MOTION

Local 13/Local 21

Be it resolved that the 2022-23 revised budget be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

##### 2023/01:09 MOTION

Local 6/Local 15

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### **f. Executive Committee Meetings**

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2023/01:21

### **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 5/Local 13

Be it resolved that Motion-2023/01:09 be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

### **CARRIED**

2023/01:11

### **MOTION**

Local 10/Local 15

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Whereas there are added abilities for the Executive Committee to hold electronic voting afforded by the Bylaw XIX; and

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Be it resolved that Bylaw V section 5.4. a be amended as:

#### **5.4 — Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee**

- a. ~~The Executive Committee shall meet in person no less than four (4) times per annum, exclusive of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled in conjunction with each general meeting, and these shall be deemed regular Executive Committee meetings.~~

**5.4 Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee**

- a. The Executive Committee shall meet in person no less than three (3) times per annum, exclusive of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled in conjunction with each general meeting, and these shall be deemed regular Executive Committee meetings.

**CARRIED**

**2023/01:13**

**MOTION**

Local 13/Local 15

Whereas the Federation coordinates the bulk purchase of licences for member local unions to participate in the Ready Education Inc. campus app partnership; and

Whereas the 36th Annual General Meeting adopted Internal Affairs Policy, Section O, which outlines the cost-sharing agreement between the Federation and participating member local unions; and

Whereas Internal Affairs Policy, Section O, needs to be renewed; and

Whereas the Federation negotiates and renews the bulk license agreement with Ready Education every two years; and

Whereas the Federation's agreement will be renewed August 1, 2023; and

Whereas the Federation renews its internal agreements with participating locals on an annual basis; and

Whereas the Federation is not proposing any changes to the existing cost-sharing structure at this time; and

Whereas OOHLALA Mobile Inc. was acquired by and is now owned by Ready Education inc.;

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy, Section O, be amended to read:

~~**4. Sunset Clause**~~

~~This policy shall expire by July 2019 unless renewed at a general meeting.~~

**4. Cost-Sharing Review**

This policy shall be reviewed on a biannual basis, as part of the Federation's process in which it renews its agreement with Ready Education Inc, to ensure the cost-sharing structure is reflective of any substantial changes to the cost of the service.

Should changes be proposed, they will be reviewed at a general meeting and participating member local unions will be given 6 months advanced notice before changes to the cost-sharing structure take effect.

Be it further resolved that any reference to OOHLALA or OOHLALA Mobile Inc. be replaced with Ready Education or Ready Education Inc.

**CARRIED**

**2023/01:15**

**MOTION**

Local 13/Local 15

Whereas the wages for full-time members of the Executive Committee have not been reviewed since August 2015; and

Whereas the cost of living in the Greater Vancouver Area has far exceeded the amount allocated to pay full-time members of the Executive Committee; and

Whereas the current stipends have not kept pace with the cost of living; therefore

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee investigate changes to increase the stipends received by full-time members of the Executive Committee; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee present a proposed change at the 84<sup>th</sup> Semi Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

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### **6. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Campaigns Coordinator Thapar provided a report on the work of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

### **7. PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Services Coordinator Gullins provided a verbal report on the work of the Services Committee.

### **8. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2023/01:22**

#### **MOTION**

Local 6/Local 5

Be it resolved that Melissa Chirino (Local 6) be ratified as the Chairperson, Mehre Dllir (Local 6) be ratified as a Director At Large, Cole Reinbold (Local 13) be ratified as a Director At Large, Alyzea Merchant (Local 22) be ratified as a Director At Large, Aashna Thapar (Local 4) be ratified as a Director At Large, Douglas Treloar (Local 6) be ratified as the Indigenous Caucus Chairperson, and Jessie Niikoi be ratified for the Secretary-Treasurer for the 2023-24 term.

#### **CARRIED**

**2023/01:23**

#### **MOTION**

Local 17/Local 10

Be it resolved that Quinn Cunningham (Local 17) be ratified as the Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the 2022-23 term.

#### **CARRIED**

### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patigdas made a series of logistical announcements about travel and checking out of the hotel.

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**2023/01:24**

#### **MOTION**

Local 21/Local 20

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

#### **CARRIED**

10:55 the meeting adjourned.

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## **APPROVED**

Minutes were adopted at the general meeting held on July 7, 2023.