

**CFUW/FCFDU ONTARIO COUNCIL  
PROPOSED STANDING RULES FOR THE  
43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MAY 15, 2021**

**INTRODUCTION:** The following rules are proposed for the orderly conduct of business in a timely manner. The effect of these rules expires at the close of Canadian Federation of University Women Ontario Council (CFUW OC) Annual General Meeting.

**Rule 1: VOTING BODY**

1. The Voting Body consists of the members of the Executive Committee of CFUW OC, the President or appointed delegate of each Ontario Club.
2. Only voting delegates move, second or vote on motions, but all members may participate in the discussion of CFUW OC business.

**Rule 2: CREDENTIALS**

1. The Secretary/Registrar, at the opening of the Business Meeting, will report the total number of voting delegates registered.
2. Prior to acceptance of the credentials report, a verification poll will be taken to determine the total votes on the floor.

**Rule 3: MOTIONS**

1. All main motions not previously distributed must be entered into the platform chat function.
2. No motion or resolution will be adopted unless the total number of votes cast is greater than or equal to the number of votes required to achieve quorum.

**Rule 4: POLICY RESOLUTIONS**

1. Any motion or resolution which proposes CFUW OC policy is in order if it is placed on the agenda and conforms to the following:

Bylaw 9.12

Policies are adopted by Ordinary Resolution or Emergency Resolution. Members will be given no less than ninety (90) days notice for Ordinary Resolution and twenty-one (21) days for Emergency

Resolution as per the CFUW Ontario Council Resolution process. Any Member of CFUW Ontario Council, Ontario Council Standing Committee or the Board may sponsor a Resolution that is provincial in scope, following the procedure and timetable set out by the OC Board. Resolutions must align with the Purpose of the CFUW Ontario Council.

Ordinary Resolution and Emergency Resolution acceptance shall be decided by a **two-thirds (2/3)** majority of votes cast.

If an Emergency Resolution is first introduced at the annual general meeting it will require a four-fifths (4/5) majority of votes cast to be eligible for final acceptance by the Members.

2. An amendment to a Policy Resolution is in order if the amendment was received by the Resolutions Chair on or by the cut-off date for amendments to the motion.

An amendment to the proposed Amendment to a Policy Resolution shall be in order if it is minor in nature and does not change the intent of the Policy Resolution and if made:

- i. by inserting,
  - ii. by striking out,
  - iii. by striking out and inserting, and
  - iv. by adding, at the end of the proposed amendment, a word or words.
3. Policy Resolutions may be divided into separate clauses for discussion and voting, if a motion from the floor is passed by a majority of the Voting Body.

#### **Rule 5: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

1. The circulated Constitution and Bylaw Amendments are deemed to be properly moved and seconded.
2. An amendment to the Constitution and Bylaw amendments is in order if the amendment was received by the Constitution and Bylaws Chair on or by the cut-off date for amendments to the motion.
3. A **two-thirds (2/3)** affirmative vote of the votes cast shall be required for adoption.

#### **Rule 6: DEBATE**

1. A member who wishes to speak to a question will dial the provided number and wait for recognition from the operator.
2. The mover of main motion or resolution is entitled to two minutes for introducing debate and a further two minutes for closing debate.
3. Other members may speak for two minutes only once in debate on a main motion or policy resolution or amendment or amendment to an amendment on the same question.
4. Debate on each main motion or resolution is limited to twenty (20) minutes unless a motion to extend debate is proposed and approved.
5. Debate may be extended once for a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.
6. If it is desired that debate cease immediately on a question, the following motion may be made: "I move that we call the question". Such a motion:
  - i. requires a seconder
  - ii. is not debatable,

- iii. is not amendable and
- iv. requires a two-thirds vote.
- v. The outcome of any voting is determined by the number of votes cast, regardless of the number of votes present.

**Rule 7: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised govern CFUW OC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or Standing Rules of CFUW Ontario Council or legislation.