



2019 ANNUAL MEETING PACKAGE

*This package will also be available at the 2019 Annual Meeting
Please share it with your members*

Dear Delegates:

One of the benefits of belonging to OFHSA is the advocacy work done by the Federation on behalf of the membership. Our strength as an advocate for the needs of children, youth and families lies in our unique ability to present the opinions of our members. Those opinions are reflected in our Policy Document. OFHSA policies are derived from resolutions presented and adopted by association members at the Annual Meeting.

The attached package is divided into three sections for ease of use:

- A Bylaw Amendments**
- B Expiring Action Recommendations – 2016**
- C New Policy Resolutions and Action Recommendations**

Before the Annual Meeting: As voting delegates you are representing your Association. Please take time to carefully review the issues with the members of your Association. If you have any questions or concerns about bylaw amendments or policy resolutions, please contact the appropriate submitting unit. Their contact information is provided after each amendment and resolution.

Amendments: Submitting units may amend their resolution before it comes to the floor at the Annual Meeting, but once a resolution has been moved and seconded at the Annual Meeting, it can only be amended by a motion of the voting delegates. Only amendments that do not change the intent of the resolution will be allowed.

At the Annual Meeting: During discussions of motions on the floor, the Chair will recognize speakers “for” and “against” in alternating order. The business procedures for the Annual Meeting outline these and other pertinent points of order. Please refer to them for further clarification.

Emergency Resolutions are defined as ones that, because of circumstances and/or content of the resolution, were not available for submission by the deadline date. Emergency Resolutions must be approved by the members of the submitting unit. The submitting unit must notify the Policy Workgroup no less than 48 hours before the portion of the Annual Meeting dealing with resolutions and provide copies of the proposed Emergency Resolution.

A

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the bylaws of the Federation may be proposed by any member, upon approval by an Association, Home and School Council, the Federation Executive Committee or the Federation Board of Directors, and by the Policy Workgroup of the Ontario Federation.

Amendments to the bylaws will be moved and seconded at the Annual Meeting by the OFHSA Policy Workgroup.

Each amendment is open for discussion and amendment by delegates.

Amendments are usually dealt with separately.

***** Any questions you have regarding the bylaw amendments should be posed to the submitting unit BEFORE coming to the Annual Meeting. The names and contact information for the submitting unit are given at the end of each bylaw amendment. Your questions will help the presenters prepare their comments for both the Resolutions Workshop (which includes bylaw amendments) and the Annual Meeting. It should also ensure that the time given at the Annual Meeting for debating the merits of a bylaw amendment is not spent clearing up questions or misunderstandings.***

BYLAW AMENDMENT #1

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. amend ***Federation Bylaws, Article XXII, Remuneration of Directors, 1***

From:

The directors shall receive no compensation, either directly or indirectly, for acting as such and shall not receive, either directly or indirectly, any profit from their office. The directors shall be paid their travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by them in attending meetings as approved by the board of directors or of the members. No confirmation by the members of any such payment shall be required.

To:

The directors shall receive no compensation, either directly or indirectly, for acting as such and shall not receive, either directly or indirectly, any profit from their office. The directors **may** be paid their travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by them in attending **official federation business** as approved by the board of directors or of the members, **in accordance with approved OFHSA budget allocations**. No confirmation by the members of any such payment shall be required.

Rationale

In a time of fiscal stewardship, the Federation is reducing expenses wherever possible, and this bylaw amendment formally gives the Federation the option of not reimbursing director expenses in accordance with the financial situation of the Federation in any given year.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #2

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. amend ***Federation Bylaws, Article XIX, Banking and Financial Arrangements, 4, Execution of Instruments***.

From:

Deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, and other instruments may be signed on behalf of the corporation by any two persons, who are the president, executive vice-presidents, or a designated director or the executive secretary.

To:

Deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, and other instruments may be signed on behalf of the corporation by any two persons, who are the **past-president**, president and executive vice-presidents.

Rationale

This bylaw amendment leaves this important responsibility to those who are federation officers only.

Submitting Unit:

OFHSA Board of Directors

Contact Person:

Arlene Morell

B

EXPIRING ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Action Recommendations related to policy resolutions are acted upon by the Federation for a period of three years. At the end of that period, the action recommendations must be resubmitted to the voting delegates at the OFHSA Annual Meeting. If they are again passed by the members, the action recommendations remain in effect for one additional year.

The Expiring Action Recommendations will be moved and seconded at the OFHSA Annual Meeting by the OFHSA Policy Workgroup.

There is usually no discussion of the recommendations as they were previously approved by the members.

Category B is voted on as a total unit.

EXPIRING ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS – 2016

There were two approved resolutions during the 2016 Annual Meeting. Please discuss with your Association members if they believe the Federation should continue to actively advocate the following two Action Recommendations, for one further year.

LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD SKILLS CURRICULUM

POLICY STATEMENT

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. adopt the policy that there be a life and livelihood skills curriculum course offered for all elementary school students in Ontario.

ACTION RECOMMENDATION

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. petition the Ontario Ministry of Education to work with its education partners including parents to review current elementary curriculum in regards to the need for all students to receive the basic life skills education necessary to promote interpersonal and psycho-social skills for healthy living and social well-being, and the livelihood education skills including crafts, money management, and entrepreneurial skills. Upon completion, a course to provide education in such topics as healthy nutrition, food choices and preparation; health and self-body image; simple household tools and maintenance; communication and technology skills; and financial management skills would be developed for use in all elementary schools.

HISTORY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

POLICY STATEMENT

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. adopt the policy that in consultation with aboriginal leaders, anthropologists and sociologists, materials be assembled and published designed to provide Ontario teachers with the whole story of the Canadian aboriginal in Ontario including residential schools.

ACTION RECOMMENDATION

Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to incorporate the History of Indian Residential Schools (IRS) as an integral compulsory part of the Elementary and Secondary curriculum; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, Inc. petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to develop a curriculum on the history of Indian Residential Schools (IRS) in collaboration with leading Indigenous Peoples educators.

C

NEW POLICY RESOLUTIONS

New policy resolutions may be submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting by Associations, Home and School Councils or Federation Workgroups. If passed by the membership, they become part of the OFHSA Policy Document.

The Policy Chair will read the resolution and action recommendations. The submitting unit will then identify themselves, stating their names and associations. They will move and second each policy resolution and each action recommendation individually.

The mover from the submitting unit may speak for five minutes. The seconder may speak for two minutes. The resolution is then open for discussion from the floor. Each policy statement and action recommendation of a resolution is open for discussion and amendment by delegates. Each policy statement and action recommendation of a resolution is usually dealt with separately.

Upon ratification, the policy becomes the mandate of the Federation. Policy statements are added to the OFHSA Policy Document. Action recommendations are actively pursued for three years and then resubmitted for action for one additional year.

*****Any questions you have regarding the resolutions should be posed to the submitting unit BEFORE coming to the Annual Meeting. The names and contact information for the submitting unit are given at the end of each resolution. Your questions will help the presenters prepare their comments for both the Resolutions Workshop and the Annual Meeting. It should also ensure that the time given at the Annual Meeting for debating the merits of a resolution is not spent clearing up questions or misunderstandings.***

There are no new Policy Resolutions for 2019