

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON UBCM NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

EXTRACTS FROM THE UBCM BYLAWS SECTIONS 2 TO 5

2. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Union shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President.

3. EXECUTIVE:

- (a) There shall be an Executive which shall be composed of:
- the Officers of the Union;
 - the Immediate Past President, who shall be the last president to have completed the term of office as President;
 - a Vancouver Representative, who shall be a member of the Vancouver City Council;
 - a GVRD Representative, who shall be a member of the GVRD Board;
 - a Small Community Representative, who shall be a member of a Council of a Village or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500;
 - an Electoral Area Representative, who shall be an Electoral Area Director of a Regional Board;
 - five Directors representing the five Area Associations as defined in Section 21; and
 - five Directors at Large.

The members of the Executive shall be the Directors of the Union.

- (b) The Officers, the Directors at Large, the Small Community Representative and the Electoral Area Representative, shall be elected annually at the Annual Convention, and except as herein otherwise provided shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual Convention. The Vancouver Representative shall be appointed by the Vancouver City Council and the five Area Associations Directors shall be appointed by the appropriate Area Association as defined in Section 21. The GVRD Representative shall be elected by the GVRD Board of Directors.
- (c) Except for the Immediate Past President, all members of the Executive, including Officers of the Union, shall hold office only so long as they remain elected representatives of a member of the Union. If a person holding the office of Immediate Past President ceases to be an elected representative of a member of the Union while holding the office such person shall only hold the office for the remainder of the then current term.
- (d) No person shall hold a position as Officer of the Union unless elected as an Officer by the membership of the Union and no person shall be elected more than twice, whether consecutively or otherwise, as President of the Union.

In the event of a vacancy occurring amongst the Officers, the next ranking Officer willing to serve shall fill the vacancy, provided that if the office of President cannot for any reason be filled as aforesaid, the Executive shall call a special election for the office of President and such election may be held by a mail ballot pursuant to the rules and procedures established and determined by the Executive.

In the event of a vacancy:

- amongst the Officers, other than President, the Executive may appoint, from amongst persons qualified to be elected to the Executive, Acting Directors at Large equal to the number of vacancies;
- amongst the Directors at Large, or the Small Community Representative or the Electoral Area Representative, the Executive may appoint a person qualified to hold the office to fill the position for the term remaining;
- in the position of Vancouver Representative, GVRD Representative or amongst the five Directors appointed by the Area Associations such vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

- (e) The Union shall pay the expenses of the Executive incurred on authorized business of the Union, except for attendance at the Annual Convention. For attendance at the Executive meeting immediately preceding the Annual Convention such expenses shall be limited to the per diem rates and extra hotel accommodation costs incurred for the period of that Executive meeting only. No travelling expenses nor any part of other expenses ordinarily incurred by Executive members in attending the Annual Convention will be borne by the Union. In the event that the Immediate Past President no longer holds municipal office, while still remaining a member of the Executive, his or her expenses incurred in attending the Annual Convention and the Executive meeting immediately prior to it shall be paid by the Union.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE:

- (a) There is constituted a committee of the Executive to be known as the Nominating Committee consisting of the Immediate Past President (if any) and the five appointed Area Association Directors provided that where any of the five appointed Area Association Directors declares an interest in seeking election to the Executive of the Union, the Area Association that appointed such Area Association Director may name another elected official of a member of the Union to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall elect a Chair from amongst the members of the Committee and shall prior to the Annual Convention:
- issue a call for nominations for each of the positions of Officer of the Union and for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and the five Directors at Large;
 - encourage potential nominees to come forward as candidates for office and as requested provide information to such person relating to duties, responsibilities and roles pertaining to the various offices;
 - review the credentials of nominees to ensure that each nominee is qualified to hold office pursuant to Section 4(j);
 - accept qualified nominees nominated by two elected officials of members of the Union;
 - obtain the name of a qualified person who has been appointed by the City of Vancouver to assume office as the Vancouver Representative, the GVRD Representative and the names of the five Area Association Directors who have each been appointed to assume the office of Area Association Director by the respective Area Association;
 - at least 30 days prior to the Annual Convention, prepare and provide to all members of the Union a report on nominations accepted for each office and on the persons appointed by the City of Vancouver, the GVRD and the five Area Associations. Such report shall be neutral and the Nominating Committee shall not recommend any nominee or group of nominees.
- (c) In making its report the Nominating Committee, taking into consideration the names of appointees submitted by the City of Vancouver, the GVRD and the five Area Associations, shall ensure there are balanced and representative nominations including:
- that sufficient nominations are received;
 - that each general area of the Province is represented on the Executive nominated or appointed.

The Nominating Committee shall not recommend any nominee or group of nominees.

- (d) The Chair of the Nominating Committee, during the morning session of the first day of the Annual Convention, shall present the nominations for the positions of Officers on the UBCM Executive, i.e. President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President. After the Chair's report on these positions has been read, the Chair shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the positions of Officers, in addition to the names presented by the Nominating Committee.
- (e) If, at the close of nominations, only one candidate for each position of Officer stands validly nominated, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall forthwith proclaim the candidate elected.

- (f) If, at the close of nominations, more than one candidate stands validly nominated for any of the positions of Officers, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall cause an election to be held.
- (g) On the second day of the Annual Convention at the time after the results of the election of Officers has been announced, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the nominations for the positions of:
 - Small Community Representative;
 - Electoral Area Representative; and,
 - for the five positions of Executive Directors at large.

After the Chair's report on these positions has been read, the Chair shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and for the five positions of Executive Directors at large.

- (h) If, at the close of nominations, only one person stands validly nominated for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Executive Directors at large, only five persons stand validly nominated, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall forthwith declare the candidates elected.
- (i) If, at the close of nominations, more than one person stands validly nominated for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Executive Directors at large, more than five persons stand validly nominated, the Chair shall cause an election to be held.
- (j) Where a nomination is made from the floor, the nominators must advise the Chair that the nominee is qualified pursuant to Section 3 to hold the office and that he or she has consented to be nominated. The Chair shall forthwith ask the nominee to confirm such consent from the floor and if the nominee is not present on the floor at the time of nomination, the nominators may either withdraw the nomination or immediately provide the Chair with the written and signed consent of the nominee.
- (k) Nominations shall require two nominators. The nomination shall state only the candidate's name, official position, municipality, regional district or other membership affiliation, and Area Association, and that the consent of the person nominated has been received

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE:

- (a) If, at the close of nominations, more than one candidate stands validly nominated for each position of the Officers, and the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Executive Directors at large, more than five such candidates stand, the Chair of the Nominating committee shall cause elections to be held as may be required.
- (b) The election of Officers shall be held on the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day of the Annual Convention.
- (c) The election of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and the five positions of Executive Directors at large shall be held on the afternoon of the second day and the morning of the third day of the Annual Convention.
- (d) If any election is to be held, ballot papers shall be prepared and distributed. In the case of an election for Officer positions, one ballot shall be used. In the case of elections for Small Community Representative and Electoral Area Representative and the five positions of Executive Directors at large, individual ballots shall be used. The names of the candidates shall be printed alphabetically in order of surnames on the ballots, and shall show only the candidate's names, official positions, municipality, regional district or other member affiliation and Area Association. Before any ballot is taken, any person nominated may decline or withdraw his or her name by giving two hours' notice thereof following the time of the candidates' speeches.
- (e) Scrutineers shall be appointed by the President and it shall be among the duties of such Scrutineers to count the votes on such ballots and declare the result of such elections to the Chair of the Nominating Committee who shall report the results of the elections to the Convention. In the case

of a ballot vote being held for the five positions of Executive members at large, all ballots marked for more than the number to be elected shall be counted as spoiled ballots.

- (f) All elected representatives from members who are present at the convention shall be entitled to vote for Directors at Large. Only representatives from Small Communities who are present at the Convention shall vote for the Small Community Representative and only representatives from Electoral Areas who are present at the Convention shall vote for the Electoral Area Representative. No vote by proxy shall be recognized or allowed.
- (g) In the event that the result of election for the position of any Officer of the Union, Small Community Representative or Electoral Area Representative cannot be declared because of an equality of votes between two or more persons receiving the greatest number of votes, then the Chair shall hold a run-off election amongst those persons who received equal votes.

In the case of an election for office as Director at Large, the Chair shall declare elected the five candidates who received the highest number of votes, provided that if a candidate cannot be declared elected because of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the Chair shall hold a run-off election for the positions remaining undeclared in which the only candidates shall be the unsuccessful candidates in the original election who do not withdraw.