

Motions for the 2024 AGM

ON TIME MOTIONS

PROC 101-24-May ½ Executive

BIRT: the agenda, be approved.

PROC 102-24-MAY ½ Executive

BIRT: the appointment of the Steering Committee be approved.

PROC 103-24 May ½ Executive

BIRT: the Nov. 23, 2023, GM minutes be approved.

BUDG: 101-24 May ½ Executive

BIRT: the 2024--2025 OTBU budget be approved.

CON 101-24 May 2/3 Executive

BIRT Article 7.4 be amended by the deletion of “sixty-five (65)” and the insertion of “fifty-five (55)”.

BYL 102-24 ½ Executive

BIRT that 2.1.5 be amended by the deletion of “through the Chief Electoral Officer” and replaced with “through the OTBU Executive Secretary.”

2.1.5 Candidates who submit their nominations to the Election Committee, ~~through the Chief Returning Officer (AGM 21)~~, on the official OTBU nomination forms, at least twenty (20) Days prior to the Annual General Meeting shall be provided:

Rationale: There are tight timelines between the nomination deadline and getting an election newsletter prepared, proofed, vetted by the Election Committee and sent to the printer for mailing.

BYL 103-24 ½ Executive

BIRT that 5.1 be amended by the deletion of: “January” and replaced with “February”.

5.1 Openings for membership on the Election Committee shall be posted on the OTBU Website. Delete (AGM 2016) before the end of ~~January~~ in an election year.

BYL 104-24 ½ Executive

BIRT that 5.3 be amended by the deletion of: “before the end of February,” and replaced with “before the end of March” and, delete “call a meeting of the Election in ~~March~~” replace with “call a meeting of the Election Committee in April.”

5.3 The Executive shall select up to three (3) (AGM 21) of those eligible Members who apply, before the end of ~~February~~, and call a meeting of the Election Committee in ~~March~~.

Rationale: The changes in date reflect reality. The end of January is a turn around period in schools and those in a LTO are very busy, and January is early to think about an election in May.

BYL 105-24

½ Executive

2.1.5.2.4

BIRT that The Election Committee will send out an eNewsletter as well as a print copy to all members on the Provincial list of confirmed members and that the Election Newsletter be posted on the website two weeks prior to the May AGM in an election year.

Rationale: Our constitution only provides for a mail out newsletter, although a pdf copy is already posted on the website well before May 1. This ensures that a copy will be emailed to all members for who we have an personal email.

**All executive motions are moved by Linda Bartram and seconded by Elaine Karroum*

Elections

BYL 106-24

Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT that BYLAW 2.1.11.1 be amended by the addition of:

2.1.10.3 There will be rank voting.

BYL 107-24

Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT that Bylaw 2.1 be amended by the addition of:

2.1.11.2 Voters will rank candidates in order of preference and may rank as many or as few candidates as they see fit.

BYL 108-24

Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT that BYLAW 2.1.11 be amended by the following deletion:

2.1.11 The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

And replaced by:

2.1.11 The candidate with a majority of votes shall be elected.

BYL 109-24

Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT that Bylaw 2.1 be amended by the addition of

2.1.11.3 If no candidate gets a majority on the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest first preference votes will be eliminated, and their votes will be redistributed until one candidate has a majority.

Rationale: This motion aims to ensure our elections represent the will of the majority. By requiring a majority vote, rather than just a plurality, we ensure that the winner has the strongest support from our members.

Vacancies

BYL 110-24 Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

Cost estimate: \$6000.00

BIRT that BYLAW 2.3.1 be amended by the following deletions and additions:

2.3.1 Any positions not filled by election shall be appointed by the Executive ~~at the first Executive meeting of the federation year~~ *pro tem* until a by-election is held the following year, in accordance with the elections process outlined under bylaw 2.1

2.3.1 Any positions not filled by election shall be appointed by the Executive at the first Executive meeting of the federation year. (AGM09)

BYL 111-24 Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

Potential additional Cost-Newsletter \$5000.00, if the Election Committee decides to print/mail out a newsletter. BIRT that BYLAW 2.3.3 be amended to the following: 2.3.3 A mid-term vacancy that arises before March 1 of a non-election year shall be filled by appointment by the Executive *pro tem* until a by-election is held, in accordance with the elections process outlined under bylaw 2.1

2.3.3 A mid-term vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive for the remainder of the term at the next Executive meeting.

Rationale: Our current bylaws create a potential gap in democratic representation. Without provisions for by-elections, executive appointments can last for extended periods without a direct vote from the membership.

BYL 112-24 Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT That By 2.1

Be amended by the addition of:

2.3.4 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, members elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the term.

BYL 113-24 Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT that Bylaw 5 be amended by the inclusion of:

5.1.1 Openings for membership on the Election Committee shall be posted on the OTBU Website (AGM 2016) before the end of March if there is a by-election.

Amendments to the Bylaws

BYL 114-24 Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

BIRT that BYLAW 14 be amended by the following deletions.

14.1 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a majority vote at an ~~Annual~~ General Meeting provided that written notice of the proposed amendment.
(AGM09)

BYL 115-24 Moved: Stanley Treivus, Seconded: TBA

14.2 If notice according to this Bylaw has not occurred, amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a 2/3 vote at an ~~Annual~~ General Meeting. (AGM 2010)

Rationale: This motion seeks to make our local more flexible by allowing bylaw changes at any general meeting. Right now, we can only make changes once a year, which can delay our ability to address any issues or make improvements. Making this change will give us the freedom to update our bylaws whenever it's necessary at any membership meeting.

NOTICE OF CHANGE to the BYLAWS

The following motions and changes to the Bylaws do not need AGM approval.

Bylaw 3.8.4.5.1 was passed by the 2022 AGM.

3.8.4.5.1 The Rules of Order for the OTBU D12 GM and AGM be amended as necessary, to reflect any changes made to the Provincial and District 12 Rules of Order (AGM 22).

BYLAW 3.9 to 3.9.9 to be deleted:

To be replaced by:

BYLAW 3.9 Rules of Order and Procedures for Debate

BYLAW 3.9.1 Rules of Order and Procedures for Debate to be attached as an appendix to the Constitution.

Rationale: These motions are meant to clarify existing practice and bring the OTBU D12 Constitution in line with current D12 and OSSTF guidelines. Article 1.2