

**Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario - Toronto Occasional Teachers' Local
Fall General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 24, 2019.
Wellesley Room, Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown Centre**

Call to order: 5:31 p.m.

present: 102 in attendance

Human Rights Officer: Sophie Kroesen

Chair: Yolanda B'Dacy, Parliamentarian

ETFO Human Rights Statement and Land Acknowledgement Statement read by the Chair.

Motion to approve the Agenda of the Fall General Meeting as amended:

Amendment: Insert 'Solidarity Motion' following approval of the May 30, 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Chenda, and seconded by Moss. *Agenda approved as amended by consensus.*

Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 30, 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Moved by Pia Berger, and seconded by Marisa Gallippi. *Approved by consensus.*

Solidarity Motion:

BIRT the ETFO Toronto Occasional Teachers' local send two delegates: one released and non-released Executive member to the 2019 Ontario Federation of Labour Convention with release time should it be necessary. Cost to come from the Meetings Other budget line.

Moved by Pia Berger, and seconded by Jason Martorino. *Carried.*

President's Address:

- The President brought greetings from the Local Executive.
- Introduction of the 2019-2020 Local Executive

Announcements:

- Members are encouraged to sign the Education Worker Pledge for Action which can be found at linktr.ee/oewu
- Members are encouraged to support the campaign of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union against staffless libraries. Members can visit <https://ourpubliclibrary.to/> to send a message to the Mayor.
- Members are encouraged to submit their suggestions for children's charities for the local to donate to.
- Health and Safety School Inspection training is available for our members. This training can lead to daily occasional work as a Health and Safety Inspector.

October 30 EFTO Central Strike Vote Update:

- The President shared details about how to participate in this vote.

Financial Report:

- The local's financial report from July 1, 2019 to October 17, 2019 was provided by the Treasurer.

20-Minute Member Question and Answer Session with the 2019-20 Executive (6:30pm Timed Item)

Committee Reports:

- The Professional Learning Chair summarized upcoming Professional Learning events.

Report of the 2019 ETFO Annual Meeting:

- The Report of the 2019 ETFO Annual Meeting was provided by the President:
- This meeting took place in Toronto from August 12-15, 2019
- The Toronto OT local had 18 delegates and 7 alternates attend.
- The total number delegates was 661.
- Election of the 2019-2021 ETFO Provincial Executive (14 members) took place
- There were 3 Occasional Teachers elected to positions on the ETFO Provincial Executive

Other Business Motions:

1. BIRT any sitting executive who is a candidate in an election for Executive members shall not have input or influence on any process related to the election once the Elections Committee and the Elections Officer have been chosen and nominations are open.

Moved by John Pacocha, and seconded by Pia Berger. *Carried.*

2. BIRT no sitting Executive member or any candidate shall have sole access to Constant Contact or any means by which members are made aware of issues to do with union matters over the time frame of the election process.

Moved by John Pacocha, and seconded by Pia Berger. *Carried.*

3. BIRT the Elections Officer shall have the ability to post on the local's website or to Constant Contact to bring campaign violations to light to the members during the election period.

Moved by John Pacocha, and seconded by Pia Berger. *Carried.*

4. BIRT if a candidate is found to be using the local's database to campaign, they will be disqualified as a candidate.

Moved by John Pacocha, and seconded by Jason Martorino. *Carried.*

Adjournment: 7:36 p.m.