**Policy LOC 7**

**Standard local bylaws**

**Local Bylaw 1: Name**

This organization is known as Local *<INSERT NUMBER AND DESCRIPTIVE TITLE>* of the

Union of National Employees (UNE), PSAC.

**Local Bylaw 2: Aims and objectives**

*Bylaw 2 Section 1*

This local will protect, maintain and advance the interests of the employees of the

*<DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, ETC>* under its jurisdiction.

*Local Bylaw 2 Section 2*

This local unconditionally subscribes to, and accepts as its governing documents, the

Constitution of PSAC and the bylaws of the Union of National Employees.

*Local Bylaw 2 Section 3*

This local fully supports PSAC in its efforts to improve and protect the wages, salaries

and other terms and conditions of employment of all PSAC members.

**Local Bylaw 3: Membership**

People eligible for membership will be employees of *<DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, ETC>* in the

jurisdiction of the local, and are also members of the Union of National Employees of

PSAC. The jurisdiction of this local may be as assigned from time to time by the

Union of National Employees. In situations where disputes arise regarding

jurisdiction, the national executive will be called upon to render a decision.

**Local Bylaw 4: Membership dues**

*Local Bylaw 4 Section 1*

The amount of dues payable to PSAC and the Union of National Employees will be in

accordance with the provisions of the PSAC Constitution and the bylaws of the Union

of National Employees, as determined by each group’s respective conventions.

*Local Bylaw 4 Section 2*

In addition, local dues will be set as a <flat rate or percentage – choose one> of

salary per member, per month. The local will inform the Union of National Employees

of any changes to its dues, with supporting minutes as evidence. (Members may

obtain information regarding their local dues on the Union of National Employees

website.)

*Local Bylaw 4 Section 3*

The local may amend its membership dues by a majority vote of its members

present and voting at an annual, regular or special meeting, provided that the local

has posted notice of this motion at least 30 days before the meeting date.

**Local Bylaw 5: Local executive**

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 1*

The term of office for the local executive will be *<ENTER ONE OR TWO YEARS>*.

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 2*

The executive officers of this local will consist of, but not be limited to, those listed in

Union of National Employees Bylaw 3, Section 5. *<INSERT THE LIST OF LOCAL POSITIONS*

*THAT EXIST.>*

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 3*

Vacancies on the local executive that last for less than six months will be filled on an

interim basis by the local executive’s remaining members. Vacancies that will last for

more than six months will be filled by election at a special or general meeting of the

local. This meeting can be held no later than 45 days from the date at which the

local executive became aware of the vacancy.

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 4*

For the role of the position of local president, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 5*

For the role of the position of local vice-president, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 6*

For the role of the position of local secretary/treasurer, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

*Local Bylaw 5 Section 7*

For the role of the position of local health and safety representative, see UNE Policy

LOC 8.

**Local Bylaw 6: Finances**

*Local Bylaw 6 Section 1*

No officers of this local may enter into any financial contractual understanding of

agreement without prior approval by the national executive, or incur any expenses

on behalf of the local in excess of *<AMOUNT>* without the prior approval of a majority

of the members present at a regular monthly or special meeting.

*Local Bylaw 6 Section 2*

For audited annual statements, see UNE Bylaw 5, Section 9.

*Local Bylaw 6 Section 3*

Locals will approve at least three and no more than five signing officers—one of

whom is normally the local’s treasurer—may hold signing authority for the local’s

bank withdrawals. Each cheque issued by the local will carry signatures from two of

these officers to be valid. Amendments to these administrative arrangements should

be made with the local’s bank or credit union after new officers are elected.

**Local Bylaw 7: Meetings**

*Local Bylaw 7 Section 1*

The local’s elected officers will hold at least six regularly scheduled executive

meetings each year. These meetings will be held to ensure the local properly

conducts its business on matters such as collective bargaining, labour-management

relations, human rights and health and safety promotion, and consideration and

maintenance of membership lists.

*Local Bylaw 7 Section 2*

The local’s membership meetings will be held *<INDICATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES PER*

*YEAR>*.

*Local Bylaw 7 Section 3*

Following a 30-day notice of meeting, the quorum for a general membership meeting

will be at least *<ENTER NUMBER>* members in good standing.

*Local Bylaw 7 Section 4*

The local’s president, a majority of its executive officers or a petition of at least

*<INSERT NUMBER>* of members in good standing may call a special meeting of the

local. Reasonable notice of this meeting will be provided.

*Local Bylaw 7 Section 5*

An annual membership meeting will be held in accordance with the Union of National

Employees bylaws for the purpose of receiving annual reports, electing officers and

considering other business.

*Local Bylaw 7 Section 6*

Elections will be conducted by secret ballot and will proceed in the order of

*<PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY-TREASURER, HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER, ETC.>*.

**Local Bylaw 8: Amending local bylaws**

*Local Bylaw 8 Section 1*

A local’s bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at an annual membership meeting, provided 30 days’ notice of the meeting has been issued and posted.

*Local Bylaw 8 Section 2*

All amendments and corresponding annual general meeting minutes must be forwarded to the Manager of Administration, Union of National Employees.