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OTF Table Officer Election

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents
From: Pierre Côté, General Secretary

For Action

Please be advised that on January 10, 2012, the Provincial Executive accepted, with regret, the resignation of George (Joe) Lamoureux, OSSTF/FEESO Table Officer at OTF, effective immediately. The document attached as **Appendix A** outlines the process to replace a vacancy in the position of the OSSTF Table Officer at OTF.

The election for OTF Table Officer will be held at Provincial Council on February 25. Candidate speeches will be on the Friday evening of Council and the election will be held on Saturday the 25th. Candidates will have three (3) minutes to deliver their speech.

Senior Staff will conduct the elections. Ballots will be printed in advance and will include the names of all duly nominated candidates. Immediately prior to the balloting at Provincial Council, each candidate will be entitled to address Council for up to three minutes. The order of speeches will be determined by a draw conducted by Senior Staff. On the day of the election, Senior Staff will give each District Provincial Councillor an envelope containing the number of ballots that corresponds to that District's weighted vote as determined under Article 7.3.1.3.1. The envelope will also contain that District's proposed method of splitting the votes, as received by the Chair of Provincial Council, in accordance with Article 7.3.1.3.1. Each District Provincial Councillor will distribute the ballots to the Provincial Councillors from that District. Provincial Councillors will complete the ballots. Once all ballots have been distributed, Senior Staff will begin collecting the ballots. When all ballots have been collected, Senior Staff will leave the House in order to conduct the count. Each candidate will be entitled to send a scrutineer to oversee the counting process. When the ballots have been counted, the result shall be given to the Chairperson of Provincial Council, who will then announce the result to the House. Should the balloting result in a tie, the Chairperson will have the right to cast a ballot to break the tie. Should the Chairperson elect to not exercise that right, a further ballot will be held. This process will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast and can be declared elected in accordance with Bylaw 18.3.5.3.

A nomination form is attached as **Appendix B**. Nomination forms must be received by Pierre Côté, General Secretary by 4 p.m. on February 21, 2012.

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Attach:

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FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – 2011-2012

- 18.3 **Vacancies (A.91)**
- 18.3.1 Vacancies which occur in the elected positions on the Provincial Executive between the start of the term of office of the Executive and the subsequent elections at the Provincial Assembly shall be filled as follows:
- 18.3.1.3 In the position of Executive Officer, elected OTF Governor, OTF Table Officer or Treasurer - by an election at the Provincial Council in accordance with Bylaw 18.3.5. (A.06)
- 18.3.4 OTF Governors. (A.90)
- 18.3.4.1 Should the position of any OTF Governor(s) or the OTF Table Officer become vacant, the term of office of the person appointed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Teaching Profession Act shall be the remainder of the term(s) of office vacated as prescribed under Bylaw 18.2.3. (A.06)
- 18.3.4.2 The Provincial Executive shall, in accordance with the *Teaching Profession Act*, make the appointment of the person to fill the vacancy, on the recommendation of Provincial Council. (A.90)
- 18.3.4.3 At the first Provincial Council after the position becomes vacant, the Provincial Council shall conduct an election following the procedures outlined in Bylaws 18.3.1.3 and 18.3.5.4, and recommend the person so elected for appointment by the Provincial Executive. (A.90)
- 18.3.4.4 Until such time as the election has taken place and the recommendation has been made by the Provincial Council, if necessary, the Provincial Executive shall appoint a person on a temporary basis to represent OSSTF at an OTF Board Meeting. (A.90)
- 18.3.5 **Elections to Fill Vacancies (A.90)**
- 18.3.5.1 The highest or higher number of votes shall be interpreted to mean the candidate receiving the most votes on the ballot on which a candidate is first declared elected.
- 18.3.5.2 Elections at the Provincial Council shall be by weighted vote in accordance with Article 7.3.1.3.1 (b) of the Constitution.

- 18.3.5.3 A candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast on any ballot shall be declared elected. Should no candidate receive a majority on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes and any candidate receiving fewer than forty votes shall be dropped from succeeding ballots until a majority is reached. In the event of the two lowest candidates receiving the same number of votes, with more than three candidates on the ballot, both the tied candidates shall be dropped.
- 18.3.5.4 Where external applications for the position of Executive Officer, Treasurer, elected OTF Governor or OTF Table Officer are necessary, the General Secretary shall immediately issue a notice of vacancy to every District, Bargaining Unit, and Branch. Interested Members shall be allowed a three-week period to forward applications to the General Secretary, with a copy to the District's, Bargaining Unit's or Sector's Provincial Councillor, as may be the case. The election to fill the vacancy shall occur at the first regularly scheduled Provincial Council meeting following the conclusion of the application period. (A.06)
- 18.4 **Nominations**
- 18.4.1 Nominations for the office of President, Vice-President, Executive Officer, Treasurer, and elected members of the Board of Governors of the OTF and OTF Table Officer may be submitted in writing to the General Secretary; (A.06)
- 18.4.1.1 not later than January 31st of an election year by a District or Sector Council; nominations so received shall be forwarded by the General Secretary to the District Secretaries or Sector Council Chairpersons and to members of the Provincial Assembly at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly; or (A.09)
- 18.4.1.2 up to the opening of the afternoon session of the first day of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly signed by fifteen members of the Provincial Assembly representing at least five of any OSSTF organizations (Districts, Sectors) entitled to representation in accordance with Bylaw 15.2; (A.91)
- 18.4.2 a defeated candidate for President shall automatically be considered a candidate for Vice-President;
- 18.4.3 a defeated candidate for Vice-President shall automatically be considered a candidate for Executive Officer; (A.80)
- 18.4.4 a defeated candidate for Treasurer shall automatically be considered a candidate for Executive Officer. (A.85)
- 18.4.5 a defeated candidate for OTF Table Officer shall automatically be considered a candidate for OTF Board of Governors. (A.08)

18.4.6 Nominations shall be posted during the first day of the Annual Meeting and nominees shall have the opportunity to address the Provincial Assembly briefly.

18.4.7 An opportunity for nomination by Delegates from the floor of the Assembly shall be provided before the nominations are declared closed by the Chairperson.

18.5 **Campaigns**

18.5.1 Campaigns for election of the Provincial Executive and the elected members of the OTF Board of Governors and OTF Table Officer shall be conducted in accordance with Regulations approved by the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly, and as amended from time to time by the Provincial Council or the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly. (A.06)

OTF TABLE OFFICER NOMINATION FORM 2012

OTF Table Officer

Nomination:

District/Sector Council Number and/or Name: _____

Signature of District/Sector Council Secretary: _____

Deadline for receipt of Nominations by the General Secretary: **February 21, 2012.**

OTF Table Officer Election Process

The election process for OTF Table Officer will unfold on February 24 and 25. Candidate speeches will be on the evening of the 24th and the election will held on the 25th.

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Please forward the nomination form to Pierre Côté, General Secretary via email [cotep@osstf.on.ca] or fax [416-751-8876] by 4 p.m. on February 21, 2012.