
Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1833 Bylaws

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INTRODUCTION

In order to improve the social and economic welfare of its members, to promote efficiency in public service, to promote equality for all members and to oppose all types of harassment and discrimination, and to manifest its belief in the value of the unity of organized labour while respecting and applying the CUPE National Equality Statement (SEE Appendix A of these bylaws), this Local 1833 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (hereinafter referred to as CUPE) has been formed.

The following Bylaws are adopted by the Local Union pursuant to, and to supplement, the CUPE Constitution (Articles 13.3 and B.5.1), to safeguard the rights of all members, to provide for responsible administration of the Local Union, and to involve as many members as possible through the sharing of duties and responsibilities. As all CUPE chartered organizations shall respect and apply the CUPE National Equality Statement to all of the chartered organizations' activities, the CUPE National Equality Statement can be found in Appendix A to these bylaws. The Local Union's Code of Conduct and Rules of Order, found in Appendix B and C (respectively) to these bylaws, shall be applied to membership meetings and other functions organized by Local 1833.

SECTION 1 – NAME

The name of this Local Union shall be: Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 1833.

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Local Union are to:

- a) secure the best possible pay, benefits, working conditions, job security, pensions and retiree benefits for its members;
- b) support CUPE in reaching the goals set out in Article II of the CUPE constitution
- c) provide an opportunity for its members to influence and shape their future through free democratic trade unionism;
- d) educate members as to their rights and obligations within the union and labour movement in general;
- e) eliminate harassment and discrimination of any sort or on any basis; for the equality of treatment regardless of class, race, colour, nationality, age, sex/gender, language, sexual orientation, place of origin, ancestry, religious beliefs, or mental and physical disability; and the active opposition of discrimination of same wherever it occurs or appears;
- f) encourage the settlement by negotiation and mediation of all disputes between the members and their employers
- g) promote attendance at union meetings and functions establish strong working relationships with the public we serve and the communities in which we work and live

SECTION 3 – REFERENCES

Numbers of articles at the end of sections or sub-sections in this document refer to relevant articles of the current CUPE Constitution which should be read together with these bylaws.

SECTION 4 – MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership

An individual employed within the jurisdiction of Local 1833 can apply for membership in Local 1833 by signing an application and paying the initiation fee set out in Section 11(a) of these bylaws.

(Article B.8.1)

(b) **Approval of Membership**

At the first membership meeting after the application has been submitted, the name(s) of the applicant(s) will be read out and unless a majority of members present at the meeting object, the applicant(s) will be accepted into membership.

(Article B.8.2)

(c) **Oath of Membership**

New members will take this oath:

“I promise to support and obey the Constitution of this Union, to work to improve the economic and social conditions of other members and other workers, to defend and work to improve the democratic rights and liberties of workers and that I will not purposely or knowingly harm or assist in harming another member of the Union.”

(Article B.8.4)

(d) **Continuation of Membership**

Once accepted, a member continues as a member in good standing while employed within the jurisdiction of the Local Union unless the member loses good standing under the provisions of the CUPE National Constitution.

(Article B.8.3)

(e) **Member Obligations**

Members are obligated to abide by the CUPE National Constitution and these bylaws as amended from time to time.

Members will provide the Recording Secretary with their current address, home telephone contact number and where available, an e-mail address. The member will advise the Recording Secretary of any changes to their contact information. This information will be protected and used to communicate with members. Such communication will take the form of mail, e-mail blasts or telephone town halls.

In the case of a telephone town hall, the telephone number may be shared with a service provider under contract to the Local Union to provide the technical equipment to support such a virtual meeting.

Upon request, the Local Union will share the telephone contact information with CUPE National or CUPE Ontario Provincial Division. The purpose of sharing this telephone contact information with CUPE National or CUPE Ontario Provincial Division is so that the National Union or Provincial Division can conduct a telephone town hall with members on important matters.

SECTION 5 – AFFILIATIONS

In order to strengthen the labour movement and work toward common goals and objectives, Local 1833 shall be affiliated to and pay per capita tax to the following organization(s):

- The CUPE Ontario Provincial Division
- The Peterborough CUPE District Council
- The Ontario Federation of Labour
- The Peterborough District CLC Labour Council

SECTION 6 – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(a) **Regular Membership Meetings**

Regular membership meetings of Local 1833 shall be held at least five (5) times per year at a time and place to be decided by the Executive Board in each year. Notice of each regular membership meeting outlining the date, time and location shall be given to members at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

When a situation beyond the control of the Local Union arises which causes the cancellation of a regular membership meeting, the Executive Board shall reschedule the regular membership meeting, and will give members seven days' notice of the date of the rescheduled regular membership meeting.

(b) **Special Membership Meetings**

Special membership meetings may be ordered by the Executive Board or requested in writing by no fewer than six (6) members. The President shall immediately call a special meeting when so ordered or requested and shall see that all members receive at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the special meeting and the subject(s) to be discussed. No business shall be transacted at the special meeting other than that for which the meeting is called and notice given.

(c) **Quorum**

A Quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting shall be six (6) members, including at least three (3) members of the Executive Board.

(d) **Membership Meeting Agenda**

The order of business at regular membership meetings is as follows:

1. Roll call of officers
2. Reading of the Equality Statement
3. Voting of new members and initiation
4. Reading of minutes
5. Matters arising
6. Secretary Treasurer's report
7. Communication and bills
8. Executive committee report
9. Reports of committees and delegates
10. Nominations, elections, or installations
11. Unfinished business
12. New business
13. Good of the union
14. Adjournment

(Article B.6.1)

SECTION 7 – OFFICERS

The Officers of Local 1833 shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Communications Secretary, three (3) Trustees, Chief Steward and Steward. All Officers shall be elected by the membership.

(Articles B.2.1 and B.2.2)

SECTION 8 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

(a) The Executive Board shall include all Officers, except Trustees.

(Article B.2.2)

(b) The Executive Board shall meet at least eight (8) times per year.

(Article B.3.14)

(c) A majority of the Executive Board constitutes a quorum.

(d) The Executive Board shall hold title to any real estate of the Local Union as trustees for the Local Union. They shall have no right to sell, convey, or encumber any real estate without first giving notice and then submitting the proposal to a membership meeting and having it approved.

(e) The Executive Board shall do the work delegated to it by the Local Union and shall be held responsible for the proper and effective functioning of all committees.

(f) All charges against members or officers must be made in writing and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the CUPE Constitution.

(Article B.6.1 to B.6.5)

(g) Should any Executive Board member fail to answer the roll call for three **consecutive** regular meetings or three **consecutive** regular Executive Board meetings without having submitted good reasons, their office shall be declared vacant and shall be filled by an election at the following membership meeting.

(Article B.2.5)

SECTION 9 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Each Officer of Local 1833 is encouraged to participate in CUPE educational courses to enhance their leadership skills and expand their knowledge and expertise.

All Officers must give all properties, assets, funds and all records of the Local Union to their successors at the end of their term of Office.

(Article B.3.9)

All signing Officers of Local 1833 shall be bonded through the master bond held by CUPE National. Any Officer who cannot qualify for the bond shall be disqualified from having signing authority.

(Article B.3.5)

(a) President

The President shall:

- Enforce the CUPE National Constitution, these Local Union bylaws and the Equality Statement.
- Interpret these bylaws as required.
- Preside at all membership and Executive Board meetings and preserve order.
- Decide all points of order and procedure (subject always to appeal to the membership).
- Have the same right to vote as other members, except appeals against the President's rulings. In the case of a tie vote, the President may order a revote. If after a revote the result is the same, the President may cast another vote or the President may refrain from casting an additional vote, in which case the motion is defeated. Ensure that all Officers perform their assigned duties.
- Fill committee vacancies where elections are not provided for.
- Introduce new members and conduct them through the initiation ceremony.
- Sign all cheques and ensure that the Local Union's funds are used only as authorized or directed by the CUPE Constitution, Local Union bylaws, or vote of the membership.
- Be allowed necessary and reasonable funds up to \$1,000 annually to reimburse the President or any Officers for expenses incurred on behalf of the Local Union. Expense claims must be listed on a proper form outlining the expense, the reason for the expense, and with supporting receipt(s) attached.
- Have first preference as a delegate to the CUPE National Convention and any and all conventions and conferences.
- Be liaison for complaints and grievances in partnership with the Vice President, the Chief Steward and the Steward.
- Be the Chairperson of the Negotiating Committee.
- Maintain regular contact with the employer in employee relation matters
- Be considered a member of all Local Union committees with the reserved right of attendance at meetings

(Article B.3.1)

(b) Vice-President

The Vice-President shall:

- If the President is absent or not eligible, perform all duties of the President.
- Preside over membership and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President.
- If the office of President falls vacant, be Acting President until a new president is elected through a by-election.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all special and permanent committees as described in Section 17.
- Render assistance to any members of the Executive Board as directed by the Executive Board.

(Article B.3.2)

(c) Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall:

- Keep full, accurate, and impartial account of the proceedings of all regular or special membership and Executive Board meetings. These records must also include a copy of the full financial report (Executive Board meetings) and the written financial report (membership meetings) presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. The record will also include Trustees' reports.
- Record all amendments and/or additions in the bylaws, and make certain that these are sent to the National President for approval prior to implementing.
- Have all records ready on reasonable notice for auditors and Trustees.
- Keep an updated Local Union membership list.
- Make available to all Local Union Members the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes at the beginning of every General Members Meeting.
- Maintain the record of membership attendance at meetings.
- Fulfill other administrative duties as directed by the Executive Board, its bylaws or CUPE National.

(Article B.3.3)

(d) Communications Secretary

The Communications Secretary shall:

- Keep a record of all correspondence received and sent out.
- Prepare and distribute all circulars and notices to members, including union literature and newspapers.
- Maintain the Local Union's digital and social media account(s) (i.e. Website, Facebook page, Google Drive, etc.)
- In the absence of the Recording Secretary, keep full, accurate, and impartial account of the proceedings of any regular or special membership or Executive Board meetings.
- Gather information about appropriate courses, the availability of courses, and make recommendations to the Local Union on whether or not members should be attending.
- Cooperate with the National Union Development Department and Communications Branch of CUPE, and with the regional Education Representative, in implementing both the Local Union's and CUPE's policies in these fields.
- Fulfill other administrative duties as directed by the Executive Board, its bylaws or CUPE National.
- Have all records ready on reasonable notice for auditors and Trustees.
- Preside over membership and Executive Board meetings in the absence of both the President and Vice-President.

(Article B.3.3)

(e) Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- On behalf of the Local Union membership, be responsible for maintaining, organizing, safeguarding and keeping on file all supporting documents, authorizations, invoices and/or expense claims for every disbursement made, receipts for all money sent to CUPE National, as well as records and supporting documents for all income received by the Local Union.

- Receive all revenue, initiation fees, dues, and assessments, keeping a record of each member's payments, and deposit promptly all money with a bank or credit union.
- Sign all cheques and ensure that the Local Union's funds are used only as authorized or directed by the CUPE Constitution, Local Union bylaws, or vote of the membership. In consultation with the Executive Board, designate a signing officer during prolonged absences.
- Ensure that per capita tax is paid by direct remittance, or where per capita is not paid by direct remittance, prepare all CUPE National per capita tax forms and remit payment, including \$1.00 of each initiation fee on all members admitted, no later than the last day of the following month.
- Record all financial transactions in a manner acceptable to the Executive Board and in accordance with good accounting practices.
- Make a full financial report to meetings of the Local Union's Executive Board.
- Give a written financial report at each regular membership meeting, detailing all income and expenditures for the period.
- Be bonded through the master bond held by CUPE National. Any Secretary-Treasurer who cannot qualify for the bond shall be disqualified from office.
- Pay no money unless supported by a voucher, cheque requisition, expense form or request for payment duly signed by the President and one other member of the Executive Board as determined by the Executive Board. No request shall be required for payment of per capita fees to any organization to which the Local Union is affiliated.
- Make all books available for inspection by the auditors and/or Trustees on reasonable notice. Ensure that the books are audited at least once each calendar year and within a reasonable time, respond in writing to any recommendations and concerns raised by the Trustees.
- Provide the Trustees with any information the Trustees require to complete the audit, including forms provided by CUPE National.
- Where required, not later than February 28th each year, furnish each member, on the forms supplied by CUPE National, with a statement showing the net amount of tax-deductible dues paid by the member during the preceding calendar year.
- Be empowered, with the approval of the Membership, to employ necessary administrative assistance to be paid for out of the Local Union's funds.

(Articles B.3.4 to B.3.8)

(f) **Chief Steward**

The Chief Steward shall:

- Define, detect, prepare and present grievances at the initial level.
- Generally know and ensure that members are familiar with the Collective Agreement; municipal policies and procedures; and Provincial and Federal Legislation affecting labour and a particular job.
- Provide communication and information from the members in the Local Union to the Executive and from the Executive to the members.
- Greet and sign up new employees and encourage the participation of all members of the Local Union in union activity.
- Chair Grievance Committee Meetings.
- Maintain daily contact with the members to provide on-going union awareness and education.

(g) **Steward**

The Steward shall:

- If the Chief Steward is absent or not eligible, perform all duties of the Chief Steward.
- If the office of Chief Steward falls vacant, be Acting Chief Steward until a new Chief Steward is elected through a by-election.
- Assist the Chief Steward in any and all duties as required, including serving on the Grievance Committee.
- Maintain daily contact with members to provide ongoing union awareness and education.

(h) Trustees

The Trustees shall:

- Act as an auditing committee on behalf of the members and audit the books and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Communications Secretary and the Permanent Committees at least once every calendar year.
- Make a written report of their findings to the first membership meeting following the completion of each audit.
- Submit in writing to the President and Secretary-Treasurer any recommendations and/or concerns they feel should be reviewed in order to ensure that the Local Union's funds, records, and accounts are being maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer in an organized, correct and proper manner.
- Be responsible to ensure that monies are not paid out without proper constitutional or membership authorization.
- Ensure that proper financial reports have been given to the membership.
- Audit the record of attendance.
- Inspect at least once a year any stocks, bonds, securities, office furniture and equipment, and titles or deeds to property that may at any time be owned by the Local Union, and report their findings to the membership.
- Send to the National Secretary-Treasurer, with a copy to the assigned Servicing Representative, the following documents:
 - Completed Trustee Audit Program
 - Completed Trustees' Report
 - Secretary-Treasurer Report to the Trustees
 - Recommendations made to the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Union
 - Secretary-Treasurer's response to recommendations
 - Concerns that have not been addressed by the Local Union Executive Board.

(Articles B.3.10 to B.3.12)

(i) Health and Safety Representatives

The Health and Safety Representatives shall:

- Co-chair Corporate Health and Safety meetings and represent members at Health and Safety Committee meetings.
- Attend relevant training and be certified as Health and Safety Representatives.
- Follow up on complaints or unsafe practices that are brought to their attention.
- Collect and provide a copy of all incident reports to the President of the Local Union.

SECTION 10 – NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(a) Nominations

1. Nominations shall be received at the regular membership meeting held in the month of October.
2. Nominations will be accepted from members in attendance at the nomination meeting or from those members who have allowed their name to be filed in writing at the meeting, witnessed by another member.
3. To be eligible for nomination, a member must have been accepted into membership and continue to be a member in good standing, having attended at least twenty-five percent of the membership meetings held in the previous twelve months or in the period the person was a member, if less than a year, unless a valid reason, acceptable to the Local, has been given for non-attendance.

(Appendix B.8.1, B.8.2 and B.8.3)
4. A member may accept nomination for a position while holding office in any position. If successful in the election, their resignation from their current position will take effect at that time.

(b) Elections

1. The Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Steward and Communications Secretary are elected in **odd** years. The President, Recording Secretary and the Steward are elected in **even** years.

2. At a membership meeting, at least one month prior to Election Day, the President will, subject to the approval of the members present, appoint an Elections Committee consisting of a Returning Officer and assistant(s). The committee will include members of the Local Union who are neither officers nor candidates for office. The Elections Committee shall have full responsibility for voting arrangements and shall treat information submitted to it in connection with its responsibilities as confidential. The National Representative assigned to the Local Union shall serve as an advisor to the committee when requested by the Local Union.
 3. The Elections Committee will determine the form of the ballot and ensure that sufficient quantities are made available in good time to the Returning Officer.
 4. The Returning Officer will be responsible for issuing, collecting, and counting ballots. The Returning Officer must be fair and impartial and see that all arrangements are unquestionably democratic.
 5. The voting shall take place annually at the General Meeting in the month of November. The vote shall be by secret ballot.
 6. Voting to fill one office will be conducted and completed, and recounts dealt with, before balloting may begin to fill another office.
 7. A majority of votes cast will be required before any candidate can be declared elected, and second and subsequent ballots will be taken if necessary to obtain a majority. On the second and subsequent ballots, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in the previous ballot will be dropped.
 8. In the event of a tie vote, a second and subsequent ballot(s) will be taken if necessary until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast and can be declared elected. In the event the tie vote persists, subsequent ballots may be deferred to the next membership meeting.
 9. When two or more nominees are to be elected to any office by ballot, each member voting will be required to vote for the full number of candidates to be elected or the member's ballot will be declared spoiled.
- (Article 11.4)
10. Any member may request a recount of the votes for any election and a recount will be conducted if the request is supported, in a vote, by at least the number of members equal to the quorum for a membership meeting as set out in Section 6(c).
 11. All election complaints by members will be submitted in writing to the Returning Officer as soon as possible but in no circumstances will a complaint be valid if it is filed later than seven days after the election. The Returning Officer in conjunction with the Elections Committee will investigate the complaint and issue a ruling as soon as practical and report the ruling to the very next regular membership meeting.

(c) Installation of Officers

1. All duly elected Officers shall be installed at the meeting at which elections are held and shall continue in office for two years or until a successor has been elected and installed, provided, however, that no term of office shall be less than two years and no longer than three years.
- (Appendix B.2.4)
2. The terms of office for Trustees shall be so that one serves for a period of three years, one for two years, and one for one year, as laid down in Article B.2.4 of the CUPE National Constitution. Each year thereafter, the Local Union shall elect one Trustee for a three year period. No member who has been a signing Officer for the Local Union is eligible to run for Trustee, until at least one full term of office has elapsed.
 3. The Oath of Office to be read by the newly-elected Officers is:
"I, _____, promise to perform the duties of my office, as set out in the Constitution and laws of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, faithfully and to the best of my ability for my term of office. As an Officer of the Union, I will always promote the harmony and dignity of its sessions by counsel and example. I also promise to turn over all property of the Union to my successor at the end of my term."

(Article 11.6(b))

(d) **By-elections**

Should an office fall vacant for any reason, the resulting by-election should be conducted as closely as possible in conformity with this section. The term of office for any position filled through a by-election will be the term that the vacated position was initially elected to fulfill.

SECTION 11 – FEES, DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

(a) **Initiation Fee**

Payment of initiation fees is a tangible confirmation of the desire to become a member of your Local Union and the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Each application for membership in the Local Union will be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer and will be accompanied by an initiation fee of \$1.00 which shall be in addition to monthly dues. The Secretary-Treasurer shall issue a receipt. If the application is rejected, the fee shall be returned.

(Appendix B.4.1 and B.8.2)

(b) **Readmission Fee**

The readmission fee shall be \$1.00.

(Appendix B.4.1)

(c) **Monthly Dues**

The monthly dues shall be 2% of the hourly rate.

(Appendix B.4.3)

(d) **Amending Monthly Dues**

The regular monthly dues may be amended at a regular or special membership meeting. The vote must be by secret ballot. Notice of at least seven days at a previous meeting or 60 days in writing must be given.

(Appendix B.4.3)

(e) **Assessments**

Assessments may be levied in accordance with the CUPE Constitution. Assessments do not mean or include regular monthly dues and are applied for a specific purpose or specific length of time. Membership approval is required and the assessment will only be applied after the National President approves the assessment.

(Appendix B.4.2)

SECTION 12 – NON-PAYMENT OF DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

A member who fails to pay dues and assessments for three months is automatically suspended from membership. The suspension will be reported to the Executive Board by the Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Board will report all suspensions to the next membership meeting. The member may return to membership in good standing by paying a readmission fee and any other penalty set by the Local Union. The readmission fee cannot be less than the initiation fee of the Local Union. This money will be returned if the application is rejected.

A member who has been unemployed or unable to work because of sickness shall pay the readmission fee but may not be required to pay arrears.

(Appendix B.8.6)

SECTION 13 – EXPENDITURES

(a) **Payment of Local Union Funds**

Funds can only be spent for valid purposes of the Local Union under the following circumstances:

- When the expenditure is authorized by a budget approved by a majority of members present and voting at a regular or special membership meeting;
- When these bylaws approve the expenditure; or
- Through a vote of the majority of members present and voting at a regular or special membership meeting.

(Appendix B.4.4)

(b) **Payment of Per Capita Tax and Affiliation Fees**

Authorization to pay per capita tax to CUPE National, to CUPE Ontario Provincial Division, or any labour organization the Local Union is affiliated with, is not required.

(c) **Payment of Local Union Funds to Members or Causes Outside of CUPE**

In the case of a grant or a contribution to a member(s) or a cause(s) outside of CUPE greater than \$100, a notice of motion must be made and approved at a regular membership meeting. In the case of a grant or a contribution to a member(s) or a cause(s) outside of CUPE greater than \$1000, a notice of motion must be made at a regular membership meeting and then approved at the following regular or special membership meeting before the grant or contribution can be paid out. The approval meeting must be no earlier than seven days after the meeting where notice of motion has been given.

(d) **Expenditure Authorization**

No Officer or member of Local 1833 will be allowed to spend any Local Union funds without first having received authorization under Section 13(a) of these bylaws.

SECTION 14 – OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

The following expense allowance shall be provided:

- There shall be a yearly allowance of \$500.00 for meetings of the Executive Board for whatever purposes they deem necessary.

Local Union Officers and committee members shall be provided an annual out-of-pocket expense allowance at the end of November each year in the amount noted:

President	\$500.00
Vice President	\$300.00
Secretary-Treasurer	\$400.00
Recording Secretary	\$300.00
Communications Secretary	\$150.00
Chief Steward	\$400.00
Steward	\$150.00
Trustees	\$100.00

(Appendix B.4.4)

SECTION 15 – CHILD CARE, DEPENDENT CARE AND ELDER CARE

Caring for children, dependents or the elderly are barriers to actively participating in the union or to attending membership meetings. Local 1833 is committed to removing barriers within its control so that all members have equal access to participation.

- (a) When it is practical and demand warrants, Local 1833 will provide on-site child care at all Local Union membership meetings. Where on-site child care is not provided, and in the case of dependent care or elder care, members will be reimbursed to a maximum of the living wage for the area for each hour of required care. Reimbursement will be provided upon proof of payment.

- (b) Any member who is on authorized Local 1833 business shall be eligible for child care, dependent care, and/or elder care expenses where required. Upon proof of payment, claims shall be reimbursed to a maximum of the living wage for the area for each hour of care required.
- (c) Claims will not be paid for a spouse, partner, or a family member who normally provides care without charges. Claims will not be paid for periods of time where a member would normally have paid for care such as during normal hours of work at their job.

SECTION 16 – DELEGATES TO CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS AND EDUCATIONALS

- (a) Except for the President's option [Section 9(a)], all delegates to conventions, conferences, and educationals shall be chosen by election at membership meetings.
- (b) Delegates to the local or regional CUPE District Council shall be elected annually. A member responsible for reporting back to the Local Union membership shall be appointed by the President from among these delegates, and the member appointed shall make a written report at each Local Union membership meeting on proceedings at recent meetings of the Council. The Local Union will reimburse the member's employer for any loss of wages.
- (c) All delegates elected to attend conventions, conferences, or educationals held outside the city of Peterborough shall be paid transportation expenses (at economy, tourist or coach rates), as determined by the Secretary-Treasurer, and a per diem allowance of \$90.00 for meals and expenses. The Local Union will reimburse the member's employer for any loss of wages.
- (d) Delegates to conventions, conferences, and educationals held locally shall have no travel allowance. There shall be a per diem allowance of \$70.00 for meals and expenses incurred by attendance at the convention, conference or educational. The Local Union will reimburse the member's employer for any loss of wages.
- (e) All members are eligible to attend training provided it is approved by the Executive Committee.
- (f) Local 1833 will provide members with their per diem allowance prior to their attending the convention, conference, or educational.

SECTION 17 – COMMITTEES

(a) Special Committees

A special committee may be established for a specific purpose and a specified period of time by the membership at a meeting. The members shall be elected at the same or another membership meeting or may, by specific authorization of the membership, be appointed by the President or the Executive Board. Two members of the Executive Board may sit on any special committee as ex-officio members.

1. Negotiating Committee

This shall be a special committee established at least three months prior to the expiry of the Local's collective agreement and automatically disbanded when a new collective agreement has been signed. The function of the Committee is to prepare collective bargaining proposals and to negotiate a collective agreement. The Committee shall consist of the President, two Executive members, two members at large, and one Executive member to serve as an alternate if necessary. The three Executive members will be elected by secret ballot at a membership meeting. The National Representative assigned to the Local Union shall be a non-voting member of the Committee and shall be consulted at all stages from formulating proposals, through negotiations, to contract ratification by the membership. All members of Local 1833's negotiating committee shall attend Level 1 and Level 2 of CUPE's collective bargaining educationals. All members of Local 1833's negotiating committee shall be reimbursed for meals and any other necessary expenses with supporting receipts.

(b) Permanent Committees

The Chairperson of each permanent committee shall be elected by the members at a membership meeting. Permanent committees will have a term of two years and submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee and the membership. The Chairperson and the Executive Board may, with the concurrence of the membership, jointly appoint other members to serve on a committee. The Vice-President shall be a member, ex-officio, of each committee. There shall be five permanent committees as follows:

1. Grievance Committee

This committee shall oversee the handling of all local grievances, including:

- Receive copies of all grievances, ensuring that they have been submitted in writing on the forms provided by CUPE National and be signed by the complainant or complainants, as provided for in the collective agreement.
- Prepare a report on the status of all grievances to be submitted to the Executive Board, the National Representative, and to the membership meeting.
- When a grievance is not settled in the initial steps provided for in the collective agreement, this committee will decide whether or not the grievance should proceed to arbitration.
- If the decision is to not proceed, the grievour(s) may appeal the decision to the Executive Board.

The Committee shall comprise the elected Chairperson and three other members, including the Chief Steward and the Steward. The Committee shall appoint its chairperson and secretary from among its members. The National Representative assigned to the Local Union shall be a non-voting member of the committee and shall be consulted at all stages.

2. Health and Safety Committee

This committee will:

- Work to educate members on the importance of workplace health and safety.
- Prepare and present reports to the regular membership meetings.
- Organize an April 28th Day of Mourning ceremony each year.
- Serve on the Joint Worksite Health and Safety Committees (JWH&SC) at their workplace.
- Ensure that the worker representatives on the JWH&SC meet separately from the employer to prepare for meetings with the employer.
- Promote safe work procedures and environments so as to prevent illness and injury as a result of workplace factors.
- Immediately bring to the attention of the employer any workplace hazard that has the potential to cause members' illness or injury.
- Work to eliminate all workplace hazards, be they physical, environmental, or social.

Members of this committee should be designated as a "Certified Worker Representative" in accordance with the legislation in their respective jurisdictions (provincial, federal).

3. Bylaws Committee

This committee will:

- Review the bylaws and make recommendations to the Executive Board on proposed amendments.
- Review any proposed amendments received from the Executive Board or membership of the Local Union to ensure that the amendments will conform to the remainder of the bylaws and the CUPE National Constitution.
- Ensure that the Local Union's bylaws are written in clear language, ensuring that clear language does not change the intent or meaning of the bylaws.

The committee members will be the elected chairperson and at least 2 other members. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members. The National Representative assigned to the Local Union shall be a non-voting member of the committee and shall be consulted during the review process.

4. Membership and Events Committee

This committee will:

- Visit members who are ill. If a member is ill for more than a week, have sent some token of the Local Union's concern and desire to help, whether the member is at home or in the hospital.
- Extend the Local Union's condolences in the event of the death of a member or one of the member's immediate family, and make other appropriate gestures in accordance with custom or the wishes of the family concerned.
- Arrange and conduct all social, cultural, and recreational activities of the Local Union, either on the committee's own initiative or as a result of decisions taken at membership meetings.

The Committee shall be comprised of the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and at least two other members. The committee shall appoint its secretary from among its members. The committee shall be reimbursed by the Executive Board for expenses incurred in the performance of its duties. The committee shall submit reports and proposals to the Executive Board or to the membership as required. A budget for the committee will be fixed annually by the membership but, other than that, all social, cultural, and recreational events and activities shall be self-supporting.

SECTION 18 – COMPLAINTS AND TRIALS

All charges against members or Officers must be made in writing and dealt with in accordance with the Trial Procedure provisions of the CUPE National Constitution.

(Appendix B.11.1 to B.11.5)

SECTION 19 – RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of the Local Union will be conducted in accordance with the basic principles of Canadian parliamentary procedure. Some of the more important rules to ensure free and fair debate are appended to these bylaws as Appendix C. These rules shall be considered an integral part of the bylaws and may be amended only by the same procedure used to amend the bylaws.

In situations not covered by Appendix C to these bylaws, the CUPE National Constitution may provide guidance, but, if the situation is not dealt with there, *Bourinot's Rules of Order* shall be consulted and applied.

SECTION 20 – AMENDMENTS

(a) CUPE Constitution

These bylaws are always subordinate to the CUPE Constitution (including Appendix B) as it now exists or may be amended from time to time, and in the event of any conflict between these bylaws and the CUPE Constitution, the latter shall govern. The National President has the sole authority to interpret the CUPE Constitution.

(Articles 9.2(c), 13.3 and B.5.1)

(b) Additional Bylaws

A Local Union can amend or add to its bylaws only if:

- The amended or additional bylaws do not conflict with the CUPE Constitution;
- The amended or additional bylaws are approved by majority vote at a regular membership meeting or at a special membership meeting called for that purpose; and
- Notice of the intention to propose the amended or additional bylaws was given at least seven days before at a previous membership meeting or 60 days before in writing.

(Articles 13.3 and B.5.1)

(c) [Effective Date of Amended or Additional Bylaws](#)

The amended or additional bylaws do not come into effect until they have been approved in writing by the National President. The National President will decide whether to approve the amended or additional bylaws within 90 days of receiving them and will withhold approval only where they conflict with the CUPE Constitution.

(Articles 13.3 and B.5.1)

SECTION 21 – PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BYLAWS

Members will receive a copy of Local 1833 bylaws, either in paper format or via email. Members requesting a copy of these bylaws will be provided a copy in either French or English, in an accessible format.

Appendix A: CUPE NATIONAL EQUALITY STATEMENT

Union solidarity is based on the principle that union members are equal and deserve mutual respect at all levels. Any behaviour that creates conflict prevents us from working together to strengthen our union.

As unionists, mutual respect, cooperation, and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

Discriminatory speech or conduct which is racist, sexist, transphobic, or homophobic hurts and thereby divides us. So too does discrimination on the basis of ability, age, class, religion and ethnic origin.

Sometimes discrimination takes the form of harassment. Harassment means using real or perceived power to abuse, devalue, or humiliate. Harassment should not be treated as a joke. The uneasiness and resentment that it creates are not feelings that help us grow as a union.

Discrimination and harassment focus on characteristics that make us different; and they reduce our capacity to work together on shared concerns such as decent wages, safe working conditions, and justice in the workplace, society, and in our union.

CUPE's policies and practices must reflect our commitment to equality. Members, staff, and elected officers must be mindful that all persons deserve dignity, equality, and respect.

Appendix B: CODE OF CONDUCT

Local 1833 is committed to ensuring that all of its meetings and activities are safe environments where members are encouraged to speak. Existing members are encouraged to welcome, mentor and support new members and equity-seeking members.

Local 1833 strives to promote core values which include the principles of solidarity, equality, democracy, integrity, and respect. We are committed to mobilizing our energy and skills to work together to promote these values and to attain these goals in our union, our communities, and globally.

Local 1833 is committed to creating a union which is inclusive, welcoming, and free from harassment, discrimination and all types of bullying and intimidation. Local 1833 needs to ensure that it provides a safe environment for members, staff and elected officers to carry out our work. Local 1833 expects that mutual respect, understanding and co-operation will be the basis of all our interaction.

This Code of Conduct for Local 1833 sets out standards of behaviour for members at meetings, and all other events organized by Local 1833. It is consistent with the expectations outlined in the Equality Statement, CUPE National Constitution and these bylaws. It does not apply to complaints arising in the workplace, as those are dealt with through the grievance procedure and/or the applicable workplace harassment policy.

As members of Local 1833 we commit to one another and to the union to be governed by the principles of the Code of Conduct and agree to:

- Abide by the provisions of the Equality Statement;
- Respect the views of others, even when we disagree;
- Recognize and value individual differences;
- Communicate openly;
- Support and encourage each other;
- Make sure that we do not harass or discriminate against each other;
- Commit to not engaging in offensive comment or conduct;
- Make sure that we do not act in ways that are aggressive, bullying, or intimidating; and
- Take responsibility for not engaging in inappropriate behaviour due to abuse of alcohol or other drugs while participating in union activities, including social events.

Harassment is objectionable behaviour which may include actions, language, gestures, and/or written material, and which the harasser knows or ought reasonably to know is abusive and unwelcome. Bullying is a form of harassment which is serious ongoing behaviour which targets an individual or group and which threatens that person's or persons' mental and/or physical well-being.

A complaint regarding this Code of Conduct will be handled as follows:

1. If possible, a member may attempt to deal directly with the person alleged to have engaged in behaviour contrary to the Code, by asking the person to stop such behaviour. If that is not possible, or if it does not resolve the problem, a member may bring forward a complaint.
2. Once a complaint is received, a designated Officer of the Local Union will work to seek a resolution.
3. If this fails to resolve the matter, the designated Officer of the Local Union shall report the matter to the person in charge, who shall determine whether there is need to remove the member. The person in charge has the authority to expel members from the event for serious or persistent offenses.

This Code of Conduct is designed to create a safe, respectful and supportive environment within CUPE. It is meant to enhance the rights and obligations outlined in the Bylaws of Local 1833, the CUPE National Constitution, the Equality Statement, and applicable human rights legislation, not replace them.

This Code of Conduct does not replace a member's right to access the trial provisions of the CUPE National Constitution.

Appendix C: RULES OF ORDER

1. The President will be the Chairperson at all membership meetings. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will be the Chairperson at the membership meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Communications Secretary will be the Chairperson at the membership meeting. In the absence of the President, Vice-President and Communications Secretary, members at the membership meeting will select a Chairperson by majority vote. Quorum rules must be met.
2. Members are not allowed to speak about an issue for more than five minutes. Members can only speak to an issue once unless there is agreement by the members at a meeting, or where all those wishing to speak have had the opportunity to speak.
3. The Chairperson of a committee who is making a report or the mover of a motion may speak for up to fifteen minutes. With the agreement of the members present, the fifteen minutes may be expanded.
4. The Chairperson will state every motion presented at a membership meeting before allowing debate on the motion. Before putting a motion to a vote, the Chairperson will ask: "Is the Local ready for the motion?" If no member rises to speak, the motion will be voted upon.
5. A motion must be moved and seconded. The mover and seconder must rise and be recognized by the Chairperson.
6. A motion to amend a motion, or a motion to amend an amendment are allowed, however a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment is not allowed.
7. An amendment to a motion or an amendment to an amendment to a motion that is a direct negative to the main motion is never permitted.
8. On motion, the regular order of business at a membership meeting may be suspended where two-thirds of those present vote to do so. The regular order of business should only be suspended to deal with urgent business.
9. Motions other than those named in Rule 19, or motions to accept or adopt the report of a committee, will, if requested by the Chairperson, be put in writing prior to beginning debate and vote.
10. At the request of a member, and upon a majority vote, a motion which contains more than one action or issue can be divided.
11. The mover of a motion can withdraw the motion upon the consent of the seconder prior to the end of debate. Once debate has ended on a motion, the motion can only be withdrawn upon unanimous vote of the members present.
12. A member who wishes to speak on a motion, or a member who wishes to move a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Chairperson. The member shall not proceed until the member is recognized by the Chairperson except where the member rises to a point of order or on a question of privilege.
13. The Chairperson will keep a speakers list and in all cases will determine the order of speakers including those circumstances where two or more members rise to speak at the same time.
14. A member, while speaking, will speak only to the issue under debate. Members shall not personally attack other members. Members will refrain from using language that is offensive or in poor taste. Members will generally not speak in a manner that reflects poorly on the Local Union or other members.

15. A member that is called to order will stop speaking until the point of order is determined. If it is decided that the member is in order, then the member may continue speaking.
16. Religious discussion of any kind is not permitted.
17. The Chairperson will not take part in any debate. Where the Chairperson wishes to speak on a resolution or motion, or where the Chairperson wishes to move a motion, the Chairperson must rise from the chair and hand the chair over as outlined in Rule #1.
18. The Chairperson will have the same right to vote as other members. In the case of a tie vote, the Chairperson may order a revote. If after a revote the result is the same, the Chairperson may cast another vote or the Chairperson may refrain from casting an additional vote, in which case the motion is defeated.
19. When a motion is before the members, no other motion is in order except a motion to
 1. Adjourn
 2. Put the previous question
 3. Lay on the table
 4. Postpone for a definite time
 5. Refer, or
 6. Divide or amend.

These six motions shall have precedence in the order indicated. Motions 1 through 3 shall be decided without debate.

20. The Chairperson will ask "Will the main question be now put?" where a motion for the previous question is moved and seconded. If approved, the Chairperson will then take votes on the motion and amendments to the motion (if any) in order of priority. If an amendment or an amendment to an amendment is approved, then members will be asked to vote on the motion as amended.
21. A motion to adjourn is in order except when a member is speaking or when members are voting.
22. A motion to adjourn, if lost, is not in order if there is further business before the Local Union, until fifteen minutes have elapsed.
23. After the Chairperson declares the vote results on a question, and before the Local Union proceeds to another order of business, any member can ask for a division. A standing vote on the division will be taken and the Recording Secretary will count the standing vote.
24. If a member wishes to appeal a decision of the Chairperson, the member must appeal at the time the decision is made. If the appeal is seconded, the member will be asked to state briefly the basis for the appeal. The Chairperson will then state briefly the reasons for the decision. Following immediately and without debate, the Chairperson will ask, "Will the decision of the chair be upheld?" A majority vote shall decide. In the event of a tie vote, the decision of the chair is upheld.
25. At a membership meeting where a question has been decided any two members who voted with the majority can give notice of a motion to reconsider a decision of the membership at the next membership meeting. The motion to reconsider requires the support of a two-thirds majority of members who vote. If two-thirds majority of members support reconsideration, the question will be placed in front of the membership for debate and a subsequent vote.
26. Members are allowed to leave a meeting with the permission of the Vice-President; however, in no case will a member leave during the reading of minutes, the initiation of new members, the installation of Officers, or the taking of a vote.

27. The Local Union's business and the proceedings of meetings are not to be divulged to any persons outside the Local Union, or the Canadian Union of Public Employees.