



# 2021 Convention Call

## CUPE Ontario School Board Council of Unions 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

March 23, 2021 to March 26, 2021

### FIRST CALL

In accordance with Article 15 of the OSBCU Bylaws, you are hereby notified that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Council will convene virtually at 1pm Tuesday, March 23, 2021 and will conclude Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Information sessions for OMERS and the Education Workers Benefit Trust will be held on March 23, 2021.

#### Representation at Convention

Affiliated Locals are entitled to the following representation

Basis of Representation	Maximum Number of Delegates
1 to 100 members	Two delegates
101 to 200 members	Three delegates
201 to 300 members	Four delegates
301 to 400 members	Five delegates
401 to 500 members	Six delegates
501 to 600 members	Seven delegates
601 to 700 members	Eight delegates
701 to 850 members	Nine delegates
851 to 1000 members	Ten delegates

And one delegate for each additional 500 membership or major portion thereof.

To be entitled to representation at Convention, a Local Affiliated Union shall have paid per capita tax up to and including December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 [Article 4.1.05]. Such payment must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Additionally, Article 6.7 of the National Constitution provides that no organization in arrears two (2) or more months with per capita tax payments to the National Union will be allowed representation at Convention.

The membership upon which the per capita payment for the last quarter of the calendar year preceding Convention is made shall be used for the purpose of determining delegate representation at Convention.

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## Alternate Delegates

An affiliated Local Union may elect alternate delegates to attend annual Conventions. An alternate delegate shall be entitled to attend sessions of the Convention and shall be entitled to voice but no vote, except in the absence of a duly elected delegate. [Article 4(e) 1 of the CUPE Ontario Constitution.]

Basis of Representation	Maximum Number of Alternates
75 members or less	One alternate
76 to 500 members	Two alternates
501 to 1000 members	Three alternates
1001 members or more	Four alternates

## Registration Fees

Credential Type	Fee on or before February 19, 2020	Fee after February 19, 2020
Delegate	\$200	\$275
Alternate	\$200	\$275

Registration will be online. Credential information will be mailed out in February.

## Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments

All resolution and bylaw amendments to be considered at a Convention must be submitted by an Affiliated Local Union, or Executive Board or committee thereof, to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and **must not exceed 200 words in total.**

**December 18, 2020** is the deadline for receiving Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments.

All resolutions and bylaw amendments must be submitted on the OSBCU forms (in a word document), and signed by the Presiding Officer and Secretary of such affiliate. Please address resolutions and bylaw amendments to Tammy Graham via Mike Maguire at [mmaguire@osbcu.ca](mailto:mmaguire@osbcu.ca), ensuring that all originals are forwarded to the OSBCU Office immediately thereafter.

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## Convention Committees

One of the most important contribution to an efficient Convention is the work carried out by the four Convention committees. You must be a registered delegate to Convention in order to serve on these committees. These committees require you to attend pre-Convention meetings.

Committee Name	Meeting Dates (virtually)	Number of Members needed
Bylaws	January 4 & 5, 2021	3 (one must be francophone)
Resolutions	January 6 & 7, 2021	3 (one must be francophone)
Ways & Means	January 25 & 26, 2021	2
Credentials	March 1, 2021	2

Details of the duties and tasks accompany this call

As outlined, there are a limited number of members per committee. If you wish to serve on a committee please complete the attached application and submit to the OSBCU Office addressed to Tammy Graham via Mike Maguire at [mmaguire@osbcu.ca](mailto:mmaguire@osbcu.ca) **no later than 4pm December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

## Elections

Any member who has declared for election to any position, and makes it known in writing to the Secretary Treasurer no later than **February 22, 2021** shall be given the opportunity to provide a one page, black and white election letter or flyer. A copy of the material will be sent to all locals in advance of the convention. Every effort should be made for election materials to be bilingual. Members are responsible for their own translation costs. Election materials can be submitted to the OSBCU Office addressed to Tammy Graham via Mike Maguire at [mmaguire@osbcu.ca](mailto:mmaguire@osbcu.ca)

## Local Assistance Form

Local Unions that meet certain criteria, including locals having less than 100 full time members, locals north of the French River, or locals that are currently on strike, may apply to receive a registration fee subsidy.

If you believe your local may meet these criteria, and if your local requires a subsidy to attend Convention, please complete the Local Assistance Form and submit to Candace Rennick via Shadi Golic at [sgolic@cupe.on.ca](mailto:sgolic@cupe.on.ca) **no later than February 26, 2021**

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## Accessibility at our Convention

OSBCU through CUPE Ontario strives to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to our conferences and events in a manner that fully respects their dignity and independence. Wherever possible, our services are provided to persons with disabilities and others in an integrated fashion – unless an alternate measure is necessary in order to enable a person with a disability to obtain, use or benefit from our services.

Please submit an Access Request Form to the CUPE Ontario office **prior to February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021** so that we can ensure that any accommodations you require are provided. We have included a copy of an accessibility form in this convention package for your use. While we do our best to accommodate last minute request, we ask that every effort is made to submit requests by the February 26<sup>th</sup> deadline. Please forward requests to Christine Fera at [cfera@cupe.on.ca](mailto:cfera@cupe.on.ca)

**Convention Forms are available at [osbcu.ca/convention-2021](http://osbcu.ca/convention-2021) or by calling 647-234-4720**

**Please complete and return forms no later than February 26th**

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## Important Events and Deadlines

Convention Committee Names must be submitted	December 14, 2020
Bylaw amendments & Resolution deadline	December 18, 2020
Per capita paid up to receive credentials	December 31, 2020
Early Bird Credentials deadline	February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Election Material deadline	February 22, 2021
Access Request form (Note: You must complete this form if you require ASL interpretation or Real Time Captioning at Convention)	February 26, 2021
Local Subsidy deadline	February 26, 2021

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