



CUPE BC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Political Action Committee will make recommendations to the CUPE BC Executive Board on building membership capacity and participation in the effort to elect the New Democratic Party (NDP) Federally, Provincially and where applicable, locally and to elect progressive candidates through issues campaigns, member to member contact, rallies and protests and other methods of support.

STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE

Chairperson to be appointed by the CUPE BC President.

Co-Chairperson to be elected by the committee.

Members are appointed by the Executive Board.

All Committee members must maintain membership in the New Democratic Party throughout the term of the committee, failure to do so may result in the removal from the committee by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

TERM

The term of service on the committee is two years or as otherwise determined by the Executive Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- The committee shall take direction from, and be responsible to the CUPE BC Executive Board. Between meetings of the Executive Board tasks may be assigned to the committee by the Administrative Committee or by the President.
- The committee Chairperson shall report on a regular basis to CUPE BC Division Executive Board.
- Submit signed copies of minutes of all meetings to the Division office upon meeting adjournment.
- Inform CUPE Members of the value of public participation and the election of progressive candidates generally and to boards and agencies which employ CUPE members.
- Make recommendations to the Executive Board on dealing with resolutions passed by Convention concerning political action.
- Make recommendations to the Executive Board on courses for CUPE Members which improve campaign and general political skills.
- Work in conjunction with other committees where activities may overlap.
- A report of the committees' activities for the preceding year shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of CUPE BC upon request.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Specific goals and objectives for the Committee to work towards during the term are to be determined at the "One Big Committee Meeting" (OBCM) normally held in the fall following appointment of the committee. Goals and objectives must be consistent with the purpose of the committee, the CUPE BC Constitution, any resolution passed by the CUPE BC Convention and the CUPE BC Action Plan and must be approved by the Executive Board prior to implementation.