

Member Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Via Zoom
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

NSFM President Amanda McDougall deems quorum to be met at a Member Meeting on September 7, 2022 and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as presented:

Moved by Brenda Chisholm-Beaton

Seconded by Carolyn Bolivar Getson

Motion Carries.

3. Review of Procedure

NSFM's Policy Advisor reviewed the procedure for voting on the motions and stated the meeting will follow Robert's Rules of Order. A practice poll was made for members to confirm their understanding of the voting process. It is noted that the meeting was not being recorded, however upon agreement of the members, recording began.

4. Motion 1

Be it resolved that NSFM amend its by-laws to recognize Municipal Units as the members of NSFM:

Moved by Laurie Boucher

Seconded by Emily Lutz

Discussion occurred regarding the length of time members have had to review proposed motions related to NSFM by-law changes. Discussion took place around the role of individual member votes, caucus structure, information sharing and the role of staff at meetings of elected officials.

An amendment was proposed to Motion 1. Further discussion occurred regarding staff advisors attending NSFM meetings of elected officials.

Policy Advisor notes amendments may pass with majority plus one.

Amendment 1.

Move to amend the Motion to establish Municipal Units as members of NSFM, Section 3.6c, of the by-laws to strike the changes that allow the CEO or President to exclude staff advisors from member meetings.

Moved by Eleanor Roulston

Seconded by Elie Moussa

Motion carries.

A second amendment was proposed to allow Mayors and Wardens meetings to be attended by any elected official. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment.

Amendment 2.

Move to amend the motion to establish Municipal Units as members of NSFM, Section 3.7a, to strike the changes that allow NSFM President or CEO to exclude elected officials from attending meetings of Mayors and Wardens.

Moved by Eleanor Roulston

Seconded by Abraham Zebian

Motion carries.

Return to Motion 1. Question called.

Be it resolved that NSFM amend its by-laws to recognize Municipal Units as the members of NSFM.

Moved by Laurie Boucher

Seconded by Emily Lutz

Motion carries.

5. Motion 2

Be it resolved that NSFM amend its bylaws to replace the Resolutions Committee with Advisory Committees on Areas of Municipal Interest.

Moved by Lennie White

Seconded by Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Discussion ensued regarding Advisory Committees including review timeframes, and committee governance.

Amendment 3.

Move to amend the motion to replace the Resolutions Committee with Advisory Committees on Areas of Municipal Interest to include a statement in article 7 that reads ‘Standing Committees established by the Board through the Advocacy Prioritization and Identification policy, shall have representation from town, rural district/counties and regional municipal units and ad hoc committees shall have representation as deemed appropriate by the Board for the purposes of the ad hoc committee.

Moved by Elanor Roulston

Policy Advisory advises that due to the amendment introducing substantive new content, members would require advance notice, and therefore amendment 3 would have to be moved at a later date.

Discussion ensues around the duration of the meeting and the remaining agenda items.

Motion 3.

Move to table the remaining items on the agenda to a later date.

Moved by Davide Mitchell

Seconded by Waye Mason

Policy Advisor advises that there is currently a motion for consideration, namely for NSFM to amend its bylaws to replace the Resolutions Committee with Advisory Committees on areas of Municipal Interest. As such, the motion to postpone is related directly to that motion.

Discussion ensues around the remaining proposed motions and the process undertaken for proposed by-law amendments.

Motion 3 Revised.

Move to postpone Motion 2 indefinitely.

Moved by David Mitchell

Seconded by Waye Mason

Motion carries.

Discussion ensues regarding the tabling of the remaining items on the agenda.

6. Adjournment

Motion to postpone the remainder of the agenda indefinitely.

Moved by Waye Mason

Seconded by Paul Russell

Motion Carries.

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