2017 CUPE National Convention Adopted Constitutional Amendments

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		
C1	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:	
	1. Amend Article 3.6 to read:	
	3.6 Transfer of Jurisdiction	
	(a) A Local Union may transfer all or part of its jurisdiction to another Local Union if:	
	i) notice of motion to transfer jurisdiction is given;	
	ii) the motion is approved by a majority of members of the Local Union who vote at a membership meeting or by referendum vote if voting at a membership meeting is not practical; and	
	iii) in the case of a partial transfer, the motion is approved by a majority of members of the bargaining unit(s) being transferred who vote at a meeting or by referendum vote if voting at a membership meeting is not practical.	
	(b) A Local Union may accept a transfer of jurisdiction from another Local Union if:	
	i) notice of motion to accept the transfer is given; and	
	ii) the motion is approved by a majority of members of the Local Union who vote at a membership meeting or by referendum vote if voting at a membership meeting is not practical.	
	(c) If a new Local Union is created by the transfer of jurisdiction, the members must apply for a Local Union charter as set out in Article B.1.1.	
	(d) Confirmation that the requirements of Article 3.6 have been fulfilled and copies of the motion(s) signed by the President and Recording Secretary of the Local Union(s) must be sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The transfer of jurisdiction is complete when the National Secretary-Treasurer issues a new or amended Local Union charter.	
C2	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:	
	1. Amend Article 3.7 to read:	
	3.7 Merger	
	Local Unions may merge if:	
:	(a) notice of motion to merge is given; and	
	(b) the motion is approved by a majority of members who vote at a membership meeting in each Local Union or by referendum vote if voting at a membership meeting is not practical.	
	Confirmation that these requirements have been fulfilled and copies of the motions signed by the President and Recording Secretary of the Local Unions must be sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer. The members must apply for a Local Union charter as set out in Article B.1.1. The merger is complete when the National Secretary-Treasurer issues a new Local Union charter.	

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C3 | CUPE NATIONAL WILL:

- 1. Amend Article 3.8 to read:
- 3.8 Separation

The members of a Local Union in a bargaining unit with a separate employer may request a transfer of jurisdiction to another Local Union if:

- (a) notice of motion to transfer jurisdiction is given; and
- (b) the motion is approved by a majority of members of the bargaining unit who vote at a meeting or by referendum vote if voting at a membership meeting is not practical.

If a new Local Union is created by the transfer of jurisdiction, the members must apply for a Local Union charter as set out in Article B.1.1. An existing Local Union may accept jurisdiction by fulfilling the requirements of Article 3.6 (b). The National Executive Board may accept or reject the request to transfer jurisdiction.

C4 As amended by the Committee

Amend Article 4.2 of the National Constitution to read:

Add:

4.2 (c) Notwithstanding Appendix B.3.14, the District Council Executive Board will meet at least four times a year before the regular membership meeting. The only duties of the Executive Board are those set out in the bylaws of the District Council.

C7 CUPE NATIONAL WILL:

Amend Article 6.4 (a) of the Constitution to increase representation at National Convention for Provincial Division to two from one, as follows:

6.4 Convention Representation

(a) Representation at Convention is:

Local Union:

Up to 100 members	1 delegate
101 to 200 members	2 delegates
201 to 500 members	3 delegates
501 to 1,000 members	4 delegates
1,001 to 1,500 members	5 delegates
1,501 to 2,000 members	6 delegates
2,001 to 2,500 members	7 delegates
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C7	1 more delegate for each additional 500 members or part of 500 members.		
(cont'd)	Provincial Division 2 delegates		
	District Council		
	Service Division 1 delegate		
	Provincial Council of Unions 1 delegate		
	Council of Unions 1 delegate		
	Airline Division Component 1 delegate per airline		
### **********************************	Each National equity-seeking committee is entitled to one delegate with full voice at the expense of the National Union.		
	(b) Representation of Local Unions at Convention is based on the average number of paid members, including Rand Formula payees, for the 12 months before the Convention of is sent out.		
C9	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:		
	1. Amend Article 11.3 (a) to read:		
	11.3 Conduct of Elections		
	(a) All elections are held by secret ballot. Each delegate has only one vote. To be elected a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast (at least 50% plus 1).		

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2017 CUPE National Convention Adopted Resolutions

RES NO.	RESOLUTION
2	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 1)	Treat child care as a high priority issue in CUPE's political action work, lobbying, communications strategy and public campaigns; and
	Work with the CLC and its affiliates, allies, and the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada to lead an all-out effort to win publicly funded and publicly delivered child care services for Canadians; and
	3. Support the phase three of the CUPE National Rethink Campaign which will develop members' political lobbying efforts to ensure monies from the Canadian Governments' National Framework on ECE is used to shore-up the provincial public and non-profit ECE sector unequivocally.
21	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Create a campaign to educate our members on ethical purchasing and on how purchases support human rights and fair workplaces providing the living wage; and
	Create an app that would provide access to lists of unionized worksites, factories and the hospitality services for the general public's and our members' use; and
	Lobby the CLC to also create and keep a current and user-friendly app with a list of unionized worksites, factories and hospitality services.
36	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Create a Task Force on Governance to conduct a comprehensive review of the governance and structure of our National Union as laid out in the National Constitution; and
	2. The Task Force will, in conducting its review, take into consideration:
	a) The current and historic composition of the National Executive Committee and National Executive Board; and
	b) The role and responsibility of the positions that make up the National Executive Board; and
	c) The structure of our chartered organizations, and that of other labour organizations.
	3. The Task Force will report, with recommendations, to the National Executive Board no later than March 2019. The National Executive Board will submit any constitutional amendments necessary to the 2019 National Convention; and
	Task Force members will be approved by the National Executive Board and their work will be supported by the National President's Office.

RES NO.	RESOLUTION
58	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
11111111111111111111111111111111111111	Through the Union Development department, develop a course to educate and mobilize Young Workers to become effective leaders within our union.
61	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 59 and 60)	Establish a National Transportation Committee.
63	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 64)	Provide a respite room at all CUPE National events for members with mental health issues.
89	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Conduct a thorough review of the CUPE Trial Procedure led by the National President's Office; and
	The review will include but not be limited to:
	a) Interviews of members and staff who have participated in the trial procedure; and
	b) A study of trial procedures used by other trade unions, including across the world; and
	c) A study of alternative dispute mechanisms.
	A report on the findings of the review will be presented to the National Executive Board no later than March 2019.
100	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Support and promote workplace food-growing initiatives (such as workplace gardens, indoor "tower" gardens, green roof gardens).
103	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 108 and 109)	Develop and implement a Safer & Inclusive Union Spaces policy; and
106 and 109)	Recommend that National Executive Board ensure that the policy be integrated into all Union Education classes through Member Facilitators; and
	Work with the National equality and equity seeking Committees and staff to develop a Safer and Inclusive Union Spaces campaign; and
	4. Work with the equality committees to develop a positive space/inclusive space campaign and toolkit for CUPE workplaces. Such a campaign may include safer space stickers, posters and literature for distribution; and
	Commit to using gender inclusive language at its events and in its documents and policies.

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112	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	1. Lobby the federal government to:
	a) Investigate and report on policies and practices of racial profiling by law enforcement agencies such as local and provincial police forces, the RCMP, CSIS, border agencies, and private security firms; and
	b) Work with provincial and municipal governments to eliminate racial profiling policies and practices.
	Publicly oppose any legislation that promotes and supports these practices.
126	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Promote a multi sector campaign that will inform members about the importance of reporting incidents, accidents and near misses.
134	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Lobby all levels of government in each jurisdiction to ensure that workers in all professions and trades do not work alone.
143	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 144)	Create a toolkit on the topic of sexual violence at work (similar to the domestic violence bargaining tool kit) to include language to bargain on the topic, training on the continuum of sexual violence, general education about the topic; and
of all designations and the second se	2. Create a program to support stewards and union members in their support of others — to ensure that there are critical incident stress responders available especially in the absence of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP); and
	3. Develop and resource bystander training for all CUPE members and CUPE staff to create a culture of true respect in our union.
146	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Promote education and raise awareness of H&S hazards of shiftwork through creation of an information package for shift workers suggesting ways of coping with shiftwork, organizational or group approaches to redesigning the work schedule, redistribution of the workload, and other improvements to the work environment.
149	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 178, 179 and 180)	Work with CUPE locals, other unions and allies such as the Canadian Health Coalition and BloodWatch to pressure the federal government to implement a national strategy to ban payment for and privatization of blood and blood products, and achieve self-sufficiency of our national blood and blood product supply; and
	Support CUPE divisions that undertake campaigns to lobby for legislation banning private, for-profit plasma clinics; and
	Educate members and the public about the dangers of payment for blood and blood products and privatization of blood and plasma supply, and the importance of self-sufficiency of our national blood supply.

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154	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 159 and 177)	Educate members, locals, and Provincial Divisions on the Cambie Clinic case and its threat to Medicare; and
	2. Continue its significant support for the work and legal costs of the BC Health Coalition and the Canadian Health Coalition with regard to the Cambie Clinic case and also that CUPE National communicate with all provincial divisions and locals, as well as CLC affiliates, to urge them to support and contribute to the costs for the defense of single payer public healthcare in Canada; and
	 Work with its national allies in the labour movement and with the Canadian Health Coalition to prepare for the likely appeal of this case to the Supreme Court of Canada.
156	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 169 and 170)	Demand the federal government call on all levels of government to immediately implement a full-funded, evidence-based health care response to the opiate overdose crisis in communities across the country that includes:
	a) Increased staffing for projects that are responding to the Public Health Emergency; and
	b) Expanded Harm Reduction and Detoxification and Treatment on demand programs; and
	c) Access to prescription opioids for individuals suffering from the disease of addition.
158	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 147, 153, 155, 160, 168 and 175)	Work with our allies, in the labour movement and with the Canadian Health Coalition to pressure the Federal Government to create a national public drug plan with provinces; and
	2. Advocate for a unified public drug plan which would provide proper access to care, for everyone. Pressure the Federal Government to establish priorities, backed by funding, to ensure access that is fair and equal for all.
166	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Encourage the Canadian Labour Congress and other long-term care advocates to create a National Long-Term Care Strategy; and
	2. Actively lobby the federal government to develop a National Long-term Care Strategy that focuses on establishing national and optimal staffing ratios, addressing staffing shortages and staff retention, providing stable funding transfers, and implementing a national tracking system on violent and dangerous incident statistics.
183	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 184)	Hold all levels of government accountable for fully implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, in partnership with Indigenous organizations, grassroots activists, and the labour movement; and
	Monitor the progress of the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, including progress in completing the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls; and
	3. Issue a progress report on implementation prior to the next federal election; and
	4. Produce materials, workshops and other tools on how CUPE members can help fulfill the Calls to Action, and foster reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

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204	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 196 and 205)	 Lobby the federal government to declare June 21 a National Holiday; and Lobby the federal government establish a statutory holiday to honor residential school survivors, their families and communities; and Encourage the Canadian labour Congress to provide for a similar lobbying effort.
208	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 211, 213 and 214)	Raise awareness of issues and establish educational tools and services around LGBTTI older persons and seniors in Canada; and
	Share the Egale Canada National LGBTIQ2S Senior Consultation results with CUPE locals; and
	Share information from HEU's aging out initiatives/CARE Can't Wait campaign; and
	Work with CUPE healthcare locals across Canada to promote LGBTTI awareness/sensitivity amongst health care workers in Canada.
216	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Conduct an investigation in the incidents of workplace violence involving library workers to determine the types of violent incidents that library workers are exposed to and the frequency of such incidents; and
	Develop a toolkit aimed specifically bringing an awareness to this important health and safety problem, educating these workers on how best to handle this problem and finally, how best to protect themselves.
217	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	1. Promote and Lobby, through accessing CUPE's Research and Communications teams, to help recreate the narrative around the need for public services, through a reinterpretation and "re-spin" of statistics/metrics to promote the value and the need for full service and fully staffed libraries of CUPE workers with full time, living wage employment to service communities throughout the country, as well as for other types of public services.
219	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 221)	Advocate for a pan Canadian conversation to create a national vision and long-term strategy for literacy; and
	2. Work with the federal government and literacy organizations to promote literacy; and
	Ensure that CUPE has an effective voice in the new Labour Market Stakeholder Organization announced by the Federal government.
220	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Press for transparency and accountability in Federal spending on literacy and essential skills.

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229	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Consult with equity-seeking members and committees to develop an accessible, educational toolkit to inform its organizing strategy; and
	Organize focus groups of precariously employed members from equity seeking backgrounds to better understand how their experiences of precarity and privatization impacts organizing; and
	Prioritize member organizers from equity seeking groups when implementing the organizing strategy; and
	4. Work with Union Development in developing a course in organizing for stewards and members so that they can broaden their organizing skills.
233	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 238, 240 and 243)	Oppose any government that seeks to change pension legislation to enable retroactive conversions of defined benefit pension promises into legally-reducible target benefits; and
47-14-1	In jurisdictions where such conversions are permitted, offer significant support to any CUPE Local that seeks to resist such conversions for their plan; and
	Mount a significant public campaign if the Federal Government moves forward with Bill C-27, or against any other government contemplating similar legislation.
249	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Lobby respective Provincial Governments on behalf any CUPE Local that is in position to be a retailer of recreational marijuana; and
	Lobby respective Provincial Governments that the sale of recreational marijuana should be a Public Service.
252	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Lobby the federal government to stabilize the cost to consumers of fuel in Canada; and
	Lobby the federal government to do an enquiry into the fluctuating price of fuel at the gas pumps in Canada.
253	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Lobby the federal government to establish domestic violence leave in federal legislation; and
	Assist other CUPE divisions in lobbying other provincial governments to establish this leave in other provinces.
265	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Continue to urge the Trudeau Government to follow through on their campaign promise to advance electoral reform and the clear preference by Canadians for a system of proportional representation.

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272	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Continue its commitment to the New Democratic Party and clearly articulate that support to other unions; and
	Encourage the CLC to renew its historic commitment and support to the New Democratic Party of Canada; and
	Support the New Democratic Party provincially and federally and all New Democratic candidates in upcoming Provincial and Federal elections, with special support for labour candidates.
278	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 268)	Continue to call on the Government of Canada to repeal Bill C-51 (Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015); and
	2. Continue to work in coalitions such as the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG) and others to effectively lobby the government, to promote and educate about peoples' rights, and to mobilize in opposition to discrimination and civil rights violations in Canada and abroad; and
	Build solidarity links and join coordinated actions with targeted communities, activists and networks at the global level who are struggling against anti-terror legislation and "terrorist" labelling.
287	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 281, 284, 288 and 289)	Work with the post-secondary sector to mount and resource a comprehensive campaign that addresses the chronic underfunding of post-secondary education including:
	a) Lobbying provincial governments to support the creation of a federal post- secondary act that would have dedicated envelopes of money from the federal government directed to the provincial government, with accountability agreements attached; and
	b) Advocating for a tuition free post-secondary education system; and
	 c) Exposing the rise in usage of precarious workers in post-secondary and the increases in senior administrative salaries.
293	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	 Launch an awareness and education campaign around precarious work, including creating educational courses, material and resources that will address bargaining language and strategies, working through provincial divisions and district councils, as well as encourage locals to ensure representation of precarious workers on bargaining committees.

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299	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
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	Work with members, staff and committees to identify strategic targets for campaigns to contract in services, and reverse infrastructure privatization; and
	3. Develop a strategic plan to mobilize CUPE members, in coalition with other groups and concerned community members, to take political action to reverse privatization and return the targeted services or infrastructure to fully public ownership, financing, operation and management; and
	Launch and promote tools that support taking back public ownership and delivery of services and infrastructure; and
	Document and promote cases where we have regained public control of services and infrastructure.
300	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 307)	Continue to take a strong stand against the private, for-profit financing, ownership, development and operation of infrastructure, including through the Canada Infrastructure Bank; and
	Document and publicize privatized infrastructure projects, profiling the role of pension funds and identifying problems such as increased costs, reduced transparency and accountability, and cuts to jobs or working conditions; and
	3. Work with members, staff and committees, in coalition with other groups and concerned community members, to raise awareness and take political action against austerity, and the privatization of infrastructure; and
	Call for a publicly-financed infrastructure bank that provides low-cost loans to municipalities, doesn't fund privatization through public-private partnerships (P3s), or facilitate asset sales.
308	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
(Covers Res. 310 and 311)	Produce tools and materials to educate CUPE members about the negative effects the privatization of public services and infrastructure has on Indigenous peoples (on-reserve, off-reserve and in urban centres); and
	Work with Indigenous peoples, the labour movement, and allies to oppose the commercialization of water, and protect our water from harmful development; and
	3. Pressure all levels of government through a member mobilization and lobbying campaign to protect community controlled infrastructure – including water and wastewater systems – and social services in Indigenous communities, and ensure all Indigenous peoples have fair and equal access to public services regardless of where they live; and
	 Produce a report and materials highlighting the Trudeau Liberal government's funding of public infrastructure and services for Indigenous peoples prior to the next federal election.
318	CUPE NATIONAL WILL:
	Change its strike fund regulations to ensure that members receive strike pay from the first day of any strike or lockout.

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