

## REGION 2 BYLAWS

(School & Local Government Division)

### Article 1

#### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person residing or working within the Region 2 boundaries and meeting the requirements for membership as stated in the Constitution of Local 517M shall be eligible for Membership in the School and Local Government Employee Division Region 2.

Section 2: Any person meeting the requirements of the Constitution of Local 517M and paying current dues shall be a member in Good Standing.

Section 3: Upon the death, resignation or removal for cause of any officer except the Region 2 President, it shall be the duty of the Region 2 President to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in a Region 2 Board member position, the Region 2 President shall fill the vacancy on a temporary basis until a Chapter election is held.

### Article 2

#### REGION BOARD & DIVISIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Section 1: The Officers of Region 2 shall consist of the Region 2 President, Region 2 Vice-President/Secretary, and Treasurer. The Region Board shall consist of the Officers and the Region 2 Board members elected from the Chapters. The Region 2 President shall serve as the Local 517M Region 2 Divisional Vice-President, unless elected as the President or Secretary of Local 517M, in which case the Region 2 Vice-President shall serve as the Divisional Vice-President for as long as the Region 2 President holds such office. Local 517M Executive Board seats allocated to Region 2 shall be filled first by the Region 2 Vice-President/Treasurer, then the Recording Secretary, and then election of the Region 2 Board members, if there remain seat(s) to be filled. Such election shall take place as soon as possible after the new Region 2 Board is seated.

Section 2: The Region 2 Board shall have the authority to establish policy and conduct the general business of the Region. It shall have power to amend these Bylaws or establish new ones with final approval of the Local 517M Executive Board. It shall approve any expenditures of Region 2 funds prior to their disbursement.

### Article 3

#### REGION 2 BOARD REPRESENTATION

Section 1: The Region 2 Board representation shall be based on geographic chapters, with each Chapter electing one Board representative. The Chapters shall include the membership of all units within the

chapter boundaries. The Chapter boundaries will be established by the Region 2 Board with the intent that the number of members within Chapters will be equalized to the extent possible while maintaining Chapters in which the units are within close geographic proximity. Prior to each election cycle, the Board may redraw the Chapter boundaries to equalize membership within the Chapters.

If a vacancy exists in a chapter, and no one from that chapter can be recruited to fill that vacancy, a person from any other chapter may be appointed to fill the remainder of the term for that position.

## Article 4

### MEETINGS

Section 1: Region 2 Board meetings shall be held at least quarterly and shall be scheduled by the Region President. Special meetings of the Region 2 Board may be called by the Region President, or at the request of at least (5) Region 2 Board Members.

Section 2: Notice of time, purpose and place of regular Region 2 Board meetings shall be prepared by the Region 2 Officers and communicated to all Region 2 Board members at least ten (10) days prior to said meetings. Notice of time, purpose, and place of special Region 2 Board Meetings shall be made to all Region 2 Board members in accordance with Executive Board policy.

Section 3: A quorum at any Region 2 Board meeting shall include at least one officer and a majority of Region 2 Board members.

Section 4: Conduct of meeting shall be by the practice of the latest edition of Robert's "Rules of Order" except in cases where such are in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5: Bargaining unit meetings shall be held on a quarterly basis at minimum or at the request of fifteen (15) per cent of the members. All bargaining unit members shall be notified of bargaining unit meetings in an appropriate and timely manner.

## Article 5

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REGION 2 BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1: Elections in the Region shall follow the election cycle of the Local. Elections shall be held the first Monday in December of each election year. Officers and board members thereby elected shall take office on January 1st.

Section 2: Members shall be given written notice of the election at least thirty (30) days prior to ballots being distributed. Notices shall state date, time, manner and place, and purpose of election.

Section 3: Region 2 President, Region 2 Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Recording Secretary of the Region shall be elected by and from the general Region 2 membership.

Region 2 Board Members shall be elected by and from the membership of the Chapter which they represent.

Section 4: All members in good standing are automatically nominated for all offices and may accept nomination by returning a candidate petition form to the local union office, as directed, during an election year. All nominees shall have been members of the Union for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election ballot count date.

Section 5: The election shall be conducted in conjunction with the general Local 517M elections. In the event that a special election is necessary, the process and procedures for the election shall be determined by the Region 2 Board.

## Article 6

### TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office for all Region 2 Officers and Board members shall be for three (3) years.

## Article 7

### COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing and Special Committees shall be appointed by the Region 2 President with approval of the Region 2 Board to serve with the duties indicated or as established by the Executive and/or Region 2 Boards.

Section 2: Among the Standing Committees shall be the following:

Election/tally Committee: The election/tally Committee shall be responsible for making and/or receiving nominations for Region 2 Officers, and the preparation, certification and tallying of the ballots.

Social and Economic Justice Committee: Social and Economic Justice Committee is charged with the responsibility of carrying out the Social and Economic Justice programs as proposed by the Region 2 Board.

Member Engagement Committee: The Member Engagement Committee shall promote membership in the Union, "Members-Only" benefits, and initiate organizing activity for, and on behalf of, the Union.

Political/Legislative Committee: The Political/Legislative Committee shall promote the Union's political and legislative programs. As well as promote members involvement in the Committee on Political Education (COPE).

Section 3: Standing Committee Members shall serve until discharged by the Region 2 President, such discharge subject to approval by the Board, or until the conclusion of the President's term. Special Committee Members shall serve for the term of the committee as established upon committee assignment. Any Committee Member may resign upon written notice to the President.

## Article 8

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at the Region 2 Board meetings and any special meetings of the membership shall be established by the Region President.

## Article 9

### AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Region 2 Board and are subject to approval of the SEIU Local 517M Executive Board.

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