

Resolutions for Consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Joint Executive Council of Grain and General Services Union (ILWU • Canada) April 3, 2020

# 1. MOVED BY:

# **SECONDED BY:**

that the proposed agenda be adopted with the power to add.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

#### 2. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that reading of the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting of the JEC be waived since they were distributed in advance of this meeting.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

#### 3. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting of the JEC be adopted.

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#### 4. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

whereas section 5.2 of the Constitution of GSU requires that a policy convention of the union shall be held every two years; and, whereas section 5.3 of the Constitution of GSU requires that a policy convention of the union shall be held every two years prior to May 31; and whereas the Executive Committee of GSU cancelled the GSU biennial policy convention scheduled for March 19 to 21, 2020 in response to the public health crisis stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020; therefore the Joint Executive Council approves the Executive Committee decision of March 13, 2020 to cancel GSU's 2020 biennial policy convention.

# 5. MOVED BY:

# **SECONDED BY:**

that section 5.2 of the Constitution of GSU shall be provisionally amended to allow for a policy convention of GSU to be held within the first five months of 2021 and every two years thereafter and this constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the 2020 annual membership meetings of GSU for final adoption.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

# 6. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that the terms of office of the president and vice-presidents of GSU, referred to in section 5.9 of the constitution of GSU, shall be extended until the 2021 policy convention of the union.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

#### 7. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that the term of office of the general secretary, referred to in section 5.15 of the constitution of GSU shall be extended until the 2021 policy convention of the union.

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#### 8. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that in order to protect the health of GSU members, family, staff and the public during the COVID-19 pandemic all GSU Local meetings and in-person meetings will continue to be suspended and all administrative and representational work will be carried out remotely under the direction of the general secretary until public health authorities have cleared resumption of normal activities in whole or in part.

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#### 9. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that the general secretary's report on GSU operations, finances and GSU's 2019 audited financial statements be approved.

# 10. MOVED BY:

# **SECONDED BY:**

that GSU's 2020 audited financial statements be approved and included in the JEC 2019/2020 annual report to members.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

# 11. MOVED BY:

# **SECONDED BY:**

that the 2020 GSU operating budget estimate presented by the general secretary be approved.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

# 12. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that the draft 2019/20 annual report be adopted for presentation/distribution to members of GSU.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

#### 13. MOVED BY:

#### **SECONDED BY:**

that GSU actively promote the CLC campaign for a national pharmacare program.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

# 14. MOVED BY:

# **SECONDED BY:**

that GSU lobby for the establishment of paid sick leave in federal and provincial labour standards legislation.

CARRIED / DEFEATED

# 15. MOVED BY:

# **SECONDED BY:**

that GSU lobby and bargain for paid compassionate leave, including paid emergency child care and elder care leave to become part of the Canada Labour Code and the Saskatchewan Employment Act.

# 16. MOVED BY: SECONDED BY:

that the following amendment to GSU's constitution be submitted to GSU's 2020 annual membership meetings:

"That sub-section 5.15 of GSU's constitution be amended by designating the current eight paragraphs to be sub-section 15.5 (a) and by adding the following new sub-section 15.5 (b).

15.5(b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of general secretary, the Joint Executive Council (JEC) shall have the authority to appoint an interim general secretary and shall also have the discretion to establish an ad hoc recruitment and nominating committee (RNC) comprised of five representatives from the JEC. Once established, an RNC will be responsible for obtaining expressions of interest from prospective candidates for election to the office of general secretary at the next policy convention of GSU.

An RNC shall have the authority to determine the qualifications required of candidates for the office of general secretary and to advertise for expressions of interest within and outside the membership of GSU.

In order to be an eligible for nomination to the office of general secretary candidates will be required to submit applications and agree to be interviewed as well as being subject to a screening process conducted by an RNC.

Only candidates nominated by an RNC will be eligible for election to the office of general secretary by the delegates to a GSU policy convention."