

Standard local bylaws
Local 70059 — Statistics Canada
(May 6, 2019)

Local Bylaw 1: Name

This organization is known as Local 70059 Statistics Canada of the Union of National Employees (UNE), PSAC.

Local Bylaw 2: Aims and objectives

Local Bylaw 2 Section 1

This local will protect, maintain and advance the interests of the employees of Local 70059 Statistics Canada under its jurisdiction.

Local Bylaw 2 Section 2

This local unconditionally subscribes to, and accepts as its governing documents, the Constitution of PSAC and the bylaws of the Union of National Employees.

Local Bylaw 2 Section 3

This local fully supports PSAC in its efforts to improve and protect the wages, salaries and other terms and conditions of employment of all PSAC members.

Local Bylaw 3: Membership

People eligible for membership will be employees of Statistics Canada in the jurisdiction of the local and are also members of the Union of National Employees of PSAC. The jurisdiction of this local may be as assigned from time to time by the Union of National Employees. In situations where disputes arise regarding jurisdiction, the national executive will be called upon to render a decision.

Local Bylaw 4: Membership dues

Local Bylaw 4 Section 1

The amount of dues payable to PSAC and the Union of National Employees will be in accordance with the provisions of the PSAC Constitution and the bylaws of the Union of National Employees, as determined by each group's respective conventions.

Local Bylaw 4 Section 2

In addition, local dues will be set as a flat rate of salary per member, per month. The local will inform the Union of National Employees of any changes to its dues, with supporting minutes as evidence. (Members may obtain information regarding their local dues on the Union of National Employees website.)

Local Bylaw 4 Section 3

The local may amend its membership dues by a majority vote of its members present and voting at an annual, regular or special meeting, provided that the local has posted notice of this motion at least 30 days before the meeting date.

Local Bylaw 5: Local executive

Local Bylaw 5 Section 1

The term of office for the local executive will be two years.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 2

The executive officers of this local will consist of, but not be limited to, those listed in Union of National Employees Bylaw 3, Section 4. The Executive shall be elected on a two-year rotating basis in the following manner:

Odd Years

President

Secretary

3rd Vice-President-Local Health and Safety Representative

5th Vice-President-Local Human Rights Representative

Chief Shop Steward

Even Years

1st Vice-President

Treasurer

2nd Vice President-Local Grievance Representative

4th Vice-President-Local Membership Representative

Local Bylaw 5 Section 3

Vacancies on the local executive that last for less than six months will be filled on an interim basis by the local executive's remaining members. Vacancies that will last for more than six months will be filled by election at a special or general meeting of the local. This meeting can be held no later than 45 days from the date at which the local executive became aware of the vacancy.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 4

For the role of the position of local president, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 5

For the role of the position of local vice-president, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 6

For the role of the position of local secretary/treasurer, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 7

For the role of the position of local health and safety representative, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 8

For the role of the position of local human rights representative, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 9

For the role of the position of local grievance representative, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 10

For the role of the position of local membership representative, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 5 Section 11

For the role of the position of chief shop steward, see UNE Policy LOC 8.

Local Bylaw 6: Finances

Local Bylaw 6 Section 1

No officers of this local may enter into any financial contractual understanding of agreement without prior approval by the national executive, or incur any expenses on behalf of the local in excess of \$2,000.00 without the prior approval of a majority of the members present at a regular monthly or special meeting.

Local Bylaw 6 Section 2

For audited annual statements, see Bylaw 5, Section 9.

Local Bylaw 6 Section 3

Locals will approve at least three and no more than five signing officers—one of whom is normally the local's treasurer—may hold signing authority for the local's bank withdrawals. Each cheque issued by the local will carry signatures from two of these officers to be valid. Amendments to these administrative arrangements should be made with the local's bank or credit union after new officers are elected.

Local Bylaw 7: Meetings

Local Bylaw 7 Section 1

The local's elected officers will hold at least six regularly scheduled executive meetings each year. These meetings will be held to ensure the local properly conducts its business on matters such as collective bargaining, labour-management relations, human rights and health and safety promotion, and consideration and maintenance of membership lists.

Local Bylaw 7 Section 2

The local's membership meetings will be held three times a year in the months of May, September and December.

Local Bylaw 7 Section 3

Following a 30-day notice of meeting, the quorum for a general membership meeting will be at least 10 members in good standing.

Local Bylaw 7 Section 4

The local's president, a majority of its executive officers or a petition of at least Ten (10) members in good standing may call a special meeting of the local. Reasonable notice of this meeting will be provided.

Local Bylaw 7 Section 5

An annual membership meeting will be held in accordance with the Union of National Employees bylaws for the purpose of receiving annual reports, electing officers and considering other business.

Local Bylaw 7 Section 6

Elections will be conducted by secret ballot and will proceed in the order of *President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Health and Safety Representative, Human Rights Representative, Membership Representative, Chief Shop Steward, etc.*

Local Bylaw 8: Amending local bylaws

Local Bylaw 8 Section 1

A local's bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a membership meeting, provided 30 days' notice of the meeting has been issued and posted.

Local Bylaw 8 Section 2

All amendments and corresponding annual general meeting minutes must be forwarded to the Manager of Administration, Union of National Employees.

Local Bylaw 9: Participation

Local Bylaw 9 Section 1

The Local encourages participation in union activities, committees and all Local meetings. Expenses incurred for participation shall be paid by the Local as per Treasury

Board rates. These expenses shall include, but are not limited to, family care, meals, taxis, public transportation and mileage.

Local Bylaw 9 Section 2

To encourage members in good standing to take union and union affiliated courses, conferences and seminars, upon successful completion, the Local will offer an incentive allowance at a rate to be determined at the first Executive meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

Local Bylaw 9 Section 3

Members are required to submit their expense claim(s) and request their incentive within twenty (20) days of successful completion of said course, conference, seminar and/or meeting.

Local Bylaw 9 Section 4

The President shall be given priority in attending, on behalf of the Local, any function or activity to represent or to act as a participant, delegate, observer, etc.

For further information related to local issues, please see:

Bylaw 3, Sections 6-10, 14 and 15—*Election of Officers*

Bylaw 4, Sections 17 and 18—*Local dues*

Bylaw 5—*Money and finances*

Policy FIN 2—*Financial assistance for locals/members*

Policy LOC 8 — *Duties of Local Officers*