



AGRICULTURE UNION NATIONAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

National Council

The National Council is the Agriculture Union's governing body, responsible for overseeing our actions and activities between National Triennial Conventions. Council members are directly elected by grassroots Convention delegates.

The National Council is made up of:

- 5 National Executive officers
- 14 Regional Vice-Presidents (RVP), who represent defined geographical regions of the country; and
- four National Directors elected to represent our members at the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Canada School of Public Service (CSPS), the Department of National Defence (DND) (language training), the Canadian Grain Commission (DND) and such common interests as Human Rights.

The National Council meets twice a year to oversee the operation of the union between conventions.

Current members of the National Council can be viewed on our Web site at:

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/nationalcouncil.html>

COMMITTEES

The Agriculture Union may structure either standing (permanent or temporary) committees to carry out our union's business or to advance the interests of our members.

National Vice-Presidents are assigned to chair Standing Committees, which, despite their titles, can and do deal with other important issues.

At the time this is written, there are four Agriculture Union Standing Committees established by the National Executive in operation. Click on the link after each Committee explanation to view its current members:

- **Bylaws and Education** is tasked with ensuring that our Union's bylaws are carried out and updated as required. Education and training within the Agriculture Union also fall within this Committee's jurisdiction.

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/syndicatagricultureunion-committees-by-lawsandeducation.html>

- **Collective Bargaining and Health and Safety** deals with all aspects of the negotiations process within the authority of the Agriculture Union. The Committee is also responsible for health and safety, another high-profile issue for our membership.

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/syndicatagricultureunion-committees-collectivebargainingandhealthandsafety.html>

- **Finance and Communications Committee** oversees expenditures of the Agriculture Union and ensures that communication with the members is timely and accurate. It ensures the budget is respected and that members' dues money is spent wisely. It is responsible for providing costing to the other standing committees as requested and prepares a draft budget for presentation to the council and, ultimately, to convention delegates for final approval. Internal and external communications within the Agriculture Union are also within this Committee's mandate. For example, it has the responsibility for ensuring that the Agriculture Union Website and the KeyInfoClé Tool Kit are kept current and relevant.

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/syndicatagricultureunion-committees-financeandcommunications.html>

- **General** - As its name would suggest the General Standing Committee covers all matters not dealt with by the other three Standing Committees. The Committee has dealt with such topics as pensions and benefits, conducting a youth survey, union-management consultations, National Joint Council directives, seasonal/part-time workers rights, disability insurance, staffing appeals and complaints, employment equity and human rights. In addition, the committee also works to support the Human Rights Committee by acting as a liaison between the committee and National Council.

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/syndicatagricultureunion-committees-general.html>

In addition to the four standing committees of the National Council, there are two other permanent committees:

- **Human Rights** is mandated to promote awareness of equity and human rights issues by providing resources, information and educational opportunities for all members. It is chaired by the National EO Director, who is a member of the National Council, and reports on activities of the HR Committee through the General Committee.

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/humanrights.html#Two>

- **Social Justice Fund** administers the AUSJF and approves specific projects and programs proposed by Agriculture Union members within the parameters approved by the Executive. Members of this vetting Committee are drawn from both the National Executive and the National Council.

<http://www.agrunion.com/en/socialjusticefund.html>

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