

## **DPSU AGM RESOLUTION # 2**

**May 13, 2010**

Sponsor: Unit Executive

Votes Required: 2/3

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**THAT** By-laws Article # IV, Article Section 2, Election Procedure # 10 be amended by addition of a new section entitled:

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- The advance poll will be conducted under the direct supervision of the Elections Chairperson.
- That members voting at an advance poll would need to bring valid identification with them in order to ascertain their eligibility.
- All ballots cast will be put in a single ballot box and not counted at that time but placed in a sealed envelope when the advance poll closes.
- The advance poll ballots will be counted along with the ballots cast the following evening.
- For control purposes the ballots cast at the advance poll will be of a different colour.
- Running from the floor at the AGM/Election will be permitted as per our current practice. Any candidate intending to run off of the floor will be doing so in full cognizance that their name will not have been on the advance poll ballot.

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It would then read:

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## RATIONALE:

Over the years the DPSU membership has repeatedly asked for and inquired after the possibility of an advance poll to allow members who may be involved in various professional activities and who may not be able to vote on the day of the AGM to exercise their franchise.

Therefore, analogous to the advance polls that are conducted in Federal and Provincial elections, a central location where members can fill in a paper ballot in advance is being proposed. The single central location allows for maximum integrity of the advance poll and avoids the decentralized in-school options that would pose significant logistical challenges.

The day before the AGM scenario allows for a voting option that recognizes the professional and personal commitments of members who want to vote but are unable to do so through the single existing opportunity.

EXECUTIVE DISPOSITION:                      WITHDRAWAL