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To: National Action Committee on the Status of Women

From: Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women

At the January 6, 1982 Executive Meeting of the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women, it was moved, seconded and carried that the MACSW propose amendments to the NAC/CNA Constitution. The proposed amendments are as follows:

- 1. That Rule XI Policy Resolutions be added to the NAC/CNA Constitution.

Rule XI Policy Resolutions

Section 1. Authorization by Annual Meeting

- a) Policy resolutions may be enacted at the Annual Meeting by a majority of the delegates present and voting, to take effect immediately following the meeting at which they are approved.

Section 2. Source of Policy Resolutions

- a) Policy resolutions may be proposed by a member group in good standing, by a NAC/CNA committee and by the Executive Committee of NAC/CNA.

Section 3. Notice of Policy Resolutions

- a) Notice calling for Policy resolutions shall be communicated to the membership at least ninety (90) days before the scheduled time of the Annual Meeting.
- b) Policy resolutions from the membership shall be received by the NAC/CNA office at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled time of the Annual Meeting
- c) Policy resolutions received at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Those Policy Resolutions not received at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting shall not be sent and shall not be considered at the Annual Meeting

Policy Resolutions circulated in accordance with this Rule shall be presented to the Annual Meeting and if approved by a majority of the delegates present and voting shall take effect at the end of the Annual Meeting at which they are approved.

2. That Regulation XI Policy Resolutions be added to the NAC/CNA Constitution.

Regulation XI. Policy Resolutions

Section 1. Authorization by Annual Meeting

- a) Space reserved

Section 2. Source of Policy Resolutions

- a) Space reserved

Section 3. Notice of Policy Resolutions

- a) Space reserved
- b) Space reserved
- c) No Policy Resolutions may be proposed at the Annual Meeting
- d) Space reserved

3. That the punctuation at the end of Rule IV, Section 3.a) be deleted and that the words "and in accordance with NAC/CNA policy as approved by the Annual Meeting according to Rule XI" be added so that the whole passage reads:

The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of NAC/CNA in all respects with a view to implementing the purposes and objectives as stated in the Constitution and in accordance with NAC/CNA policy as approved by the Annual Meeting according to Rule XI.

4. That Rule V, Section 2. e) be amended to delete the words "adopt recommendations and resolutions and transact other business as may properly come before an Annual Meeting" and replace these words with "approve ~~amendments, if any, to the Constitution and~~ Policy Resolutions, if any, in accordance with Rule XI, approve amendments, if any, to the Constitution and transact other business as may properly come before an Annual Meeting" so that the whole passage reads:

The Annual Meeting shall elect the members of the Executive Committee, receive the audited financial report and Treasurer's Report, appoint auditors, receive reports from the Executive and other Committees, approve Policy Resolutions, if any, in accordance with Rule XI, approve amendments, if any, to the Constitution and transact other business as may properly come before an Annual Meeting.

5. That Regulation V, Section 2. e) be amended to delete the words "Space reserved" and replace them with "The President shall decide whether an item of business raised at the Annual Meeting is proper to come before an Annual Meeting.

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Explanation:

1. ~~NAC~~ NAC is not an organization of individual members, but an organization of member groups. The formation of policy should reflect this fact. The MACSW believes that our proposed amendments to the NAC/CNA Constitution better reflects the composition of NAC by allowing the following:
a) allows member groups not just individual delegates input re: policy decisions
b) member groups will have an opportunity to discuss policy resolutions before the Annual Meeting and to prepare delegates for the discussions and votings
c) individuals intent upon individual actions will first have to have policy resolutions approved by a member group
d) allow focussed discussion. Because every member group will have the same opportunity to prepare beforehand, we think that input from member groups will be more fairly distributed.
2. NAC Policy Resolutions do direct the actions of NAC/CNA. Poorly worded, hastily considered and/or conflicting resolutions do not adequately reflect this fact. Nor do such resolutions adequately represent the organization to the general public. The proposed amendments to the Constitution allow for longer deliberation on policy and should help to correct this problem.

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NAC Constitution Amendments, proposed by CUPTB

Rule V, section 3

Amend a) to read 'A special meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee at the request of ten (10) members of the Executive Committee, or at the request of ten (10) member groups, and the call to all member groups and to members of the Executive Committee shall identify the sponsor, state the time, place and purpose of the special meeting as outlined in the request.'

Rule VI Voting Body at Annual and Special Meetings, section 1, Amend to read:

b) The voting body at a special meeting shall consist of the following:

1. One voting delegate from each member group in good standing.
2. The members of the Executive Committee of NAC/CNA.

c) old b)

NAC Constitution Amendments, proposed by the Canadian Textile and
Chemical Union

Rule IV section 3

- a) Add after 'Constitution', 'and resolutions passed at the annual meeting'.

section 4 (a)

5. Add 'Chairperson of the Editorial Committee'

Rule III Fees, section 1

- a) to read 'Annual membership fees' etc.

- b) to read 'Annual membership fees are

Rule IV, section 5

- b) Add 'or Chairperson of the Editorial Committee'

- c) Delete 'except in the case of a candidate for the Presidency '.

- d) Add 'On leaving the Executive Committee, after any term, an individual
may seek another term after an absence of two years.'

NAC Constitution Amendments, proposed by the Confederation of Canadian Unions

Rule I Membership
section 1 to read

a) The voting membership of NAC/CNA shall consist etc.

b) as is

Add c) Individuals who subscribe to the purposes and objectives of NAC/CNA may become members on a non-voting basis.

section 2

a) Add 'voting' before 'membership'

b) Add 'voting' before 'membership'

c) Add 'voting' before 'membership'

d) Add 'Admission to individual, non-voting, membership shall be by signature of an application form and payment of the designated fee.'

Delete section 4.