



RESOLUTION SUBJECT:

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES (CAPE) AFFILIATION WITH THE CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC)

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS: the CLC is a core entity in the Canadian labour movement and allows affiliated unions to forge closer ties and act in solidarity with other unions to achieve greater strength in numbers in defending the rights of workers in Canada;

Joining the CLC will allow CAPE to be more connected and involved (along with all the major federal public service unions) in decision making about the labour movement and will give CAPE access to the services and research conducted by the CLC;

CAPE members have expressed their view that CAPE should work more closely with other unions and groups in a survey conducted in 2015;

CAPE members have expressed support for joining the CLC whenever the CLC has given a presentation to CAPE members, including on at least two occasions in 2016 and 2017;

In the CAPE 2017 budget, CAPE earmarked funds to pay for the CLC membership; and

CAPE is the only large federal public service union that is not yet affiliated with the CLC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CAPE should organize and hold a membership-wide vote on whether to join the CLC, the vote to be held no later than 31 December 2020; and,

Prior to the vote, preferably through a special general meeting (to allow for discussion) and by email, CAPE should provide members with information about joining the CLC including information about the CLC itself, cost, how the fees will be covered from the CAPE budget, and the advantages of membership.

In the fall of 2019, a majority of CAPE members voted in favour of carrying out the following vote in 2020. Here is the question.

Matter to be decided by CAPE's Membership

I support that the Canadian Association of Professional Employees seek membership with the Canadian Labour Congress in 2021

YES

NO