

UNIT ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEET-  
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Wednesday  
May 18, 2011

4:00 p.m.

Ontario  
Federation of La-  
bour Building

15 Gervais Drive  
Don Mills Road and  
Eglinton Avenue  
East

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site for election and  
UAGM details  
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# TSU Notes

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## Unit AGM 101 - You're Invited...

**You are invited to attend your TSU U-AGM, 2011.** (This means you, if you are a Full Time Secondary School Teacher with the TCDSB or an Occasional Teacher with 50% or more with the Secondary Panel, for this school year)

The new format for this year's U-AGM will allow for more business to be conducted and completed. Now that the 2011/2012 TSU Executive will already have been elected, by the membership, prior to this important General Membership Meeting, it is time to roll up your sleeves, grab a snack (provided to you) and get down to work.

**Can an election occur at the U-AGM?** It is very unlikely, but it could happen. If nobody is running for a position or if there is one candidate running for a position and decides to withdraw, leaving the position vacant, then a candidate may be nominated at the U-AGM. The candidate will still need to obtain 3 signatures for submission. The position would be acclaimed if there is only one candidate.

**Election for position still vacant at UAGM:**  
4:30pm close to nominations  
5:00pm Elections

**Are you eligible to attend?**  
Of course! Every member is

invited and encouraged to attend this most important meeting. You will be exercising your right and responsibility to conduct Unit business. Now is your opportunity to voice your thoughts, concerns and give direction for the Unit.

**How important is the U-AGM?** In our opinion (and yes we know the jokes about opinions) this is the most important General Meeting of the year.

This is an opportunity to further build community and continue networking with other TSU members.

## What Happens at UAGM?

**What happens at the U-AGM?** Lots of stuff!  
In addition to the above mentioned items you will:

- empower the Unit executive to take action on the outcome of the meeting;

- have an opportunity to review and question all committee reports including the financial statement of the treasurer (Remember this money is your union dues.);

- amend the by-laws, policies and procedures

(Remember at the U-AGM 2010, members passed a motion to have elections held in-school. What will this year's U-AGM bring?).

# UAGM Business of the Day!

## Business to be conducted at the U-AGM (a new format for this year):

- 4pm call meeting to order;
- establish quorum;
- amend and adopt the agenda;
- approval of the minutes of the 2010 U-AGM;
- President's report and questions;
- committee reports and questions;
- financial report and questions;
- resolutions to amend Unit handbook;(This means By-laws regarding Policies & Procedures for TSU.)
- resolutions to amend Toronto Secondary Teachers' Bargaining Unit By-laws;
- unfinished business;
- adjournment at approximately 7:00 p.m.

## How will you prepare for your U-AGM 2011?

First Call regarding the U-AGM will go out to you, through your Teacher Rep, in mid April. Second Call will go out to you at the end of April and the Final Call will go out one week prior to the U-AGM. A "Call" includes correspondence to inform you of the business to be conducted at the meeting.

An informed member is an empowered member. Power to the members!

Read the by-laws, agenda, financial statements and any other information sent to you. This could be added to your bedtime reading and will hopefully provide for a better sleep, or not.

Jot down your thoughts, comments and/or questions.

**Every member will have an opportunity to speak and vote at the meeting.**

## Planes Trains and Automobiles and the TTC:

Talk up your travel plans in the staff room. Not your summer travel plans, your U-AGM travel plans. If and when possible plan to travel together. The more the merrier. Go to dinner together first?

## Accommodations:

If you require any special accommodations with regards to exceptionalities, arrangements can be made by contacting the TSU Office (416 633 5502).

## Child Care:

If child care is required, please see your Teacher Rep. who will provide you the form for reimbursement.

Please plan to attend and participate in this open and transparent democratic process.

**With everyone's co-operation this U-AGM will be the best ever.**



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**We Teach The Love of Learning.**

## TSU Mission Statement

*TSU, in cooperation with Divine grace and in solidarity with the Catholic community, serves the professional and contractual needs of its members.*

## Core Values

*Dignity of the Individual  
Professionalism  
Catholic Education  
Faith Based Community*

## Vision

- To be a proud community of Catholic educators
- To establish and protect collective members rights
- To create, maintain and broaden respectful and collegial relations with partners in Catholic Education.
- To have a commitment to a strategic planning cycle
- To have established, effective communications
- To be recognized and respected advocates for public Catholic Education
- To network with the broader community
- To model Christ by supporting each other as brothers and sisters
- To assist in the professional and spiritual development of our members
- To be effective Catholic advocates of social justice in the broader community