



Council of Senior Citizens'
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Policies Governing Regional Chapters

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The Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC

Article 1

Any group consisting of two (2) or more local branches of COSCO BC affiliated organizations, or ten individuals along with one (1) local branch of a COSCO BC affiliated organization, may make application to the Executive of COSCO BC for the issuance of a COSCO Charter. The Executive of COSCO BC shall have the power to define the geographic boundaries of a regional COSCO Chapter.

Article 2

Any group receiving such a Charter agrees to abide by the constitution, bylaws, principles and policies of the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC. In addition, a local or regional COSCO Chapter agrees to limit its activities to local and/or regional issues and refer provincial and/or national issues (by resolution) to the COSCO BC Executive. Local or regional COSCO spokespersons shall speak on behalf of their Chapters and not on behalf of COSCO BC unless properly authorized by the Executive of COSCO BC. In addition, Chapters agree to participate in programmes initiated by COSCO BC.

Article 3

The initiation fees of an individual member of a Chapter shall not be less than five (5) dollars. Yearly, individual and affiliated membership dues shall be set by each Chapter.

Article 4

Each regional Chapter is entitled to send one (1) delegate to the monthly meeting of COSCO BC. Such delegate will have voice and vote. Expenses for attending monthly COSCO BC meetings are the responsibility of the Chapter sending the delegate.

Article 5

Each COSCO BC Chapter shall hold regular monthly meetings (with the exception of July and August). Meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order except where a roll-call vote is requested. In the case of a roll-call vote, delegates from branches contained within the Chapter membership can cast the votes of all members of their branch.

Article 6

Each regional COSCO BC Chapter shall elect the following Executive officers: President, First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four (4) Board members. Election of these officers shall be held at a general meeting each March to allow for continuity and stability. At the initial election of the Chapter, the President, Secretary, and two (2) Board members shall be elected for a two year term of office and the First Vice President, Treasurer and two (2) Board members shall be elected for a one year term of office. In the case of a vacancy, the Chapter Executive has the authority to appoint a replacement for the unexpired term of office.

The foregoing notwithstanding, the immediate Past President shall be entitled to serve as such on the Executive for a period of one (1) year immediately following his/her term as President and shall, for that period, have full privileges as a member of the Executive.

Article 7

Each regional Chapter shall establish an account with a financial institution, preferably a credit union. There shall be at least two (2) signing officers for such an account. All expenditures shall be properly authorized by the Chapter Executive and subsequently reported and approved at a Chapter general meeting through the adoption of a financial report.