

Proposed Amendments to ACTRA Constitution are highlighted below:

ARTICLE 6 – AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

601 The National Council shall:

- a) be the sole bargaining authority on behalf of performers in the jurisdiction, save where that authority is granted to a Branch/Local Union pursuant to Article 505 of this Constitution or by the provisions of the National Collective Agreements;
- b) be, consistent with a) above, the final arbiter and interpreter of the National Collective Agreements;
- c) be responsible for developing the national bargaining objectives and to coordinate the pursuit of those objectives, including, where necessary, local ratification; further, where authority is granted to establish local/regional agreements, to assist in the pursuit of those objectives;
- d) be responsible for matters pertaining to the conditions of employment, conditions of engagement, and other matters arising from the collective agreements affecting the members;
- e) administer the affairs of ACTRA and to provide a mechanism for the selection of members of the appropriate negotiating committees, such mechanism to ensure regional representation;
- f) have the power to set or amend membership rules under Article 3 for national organizing campaigns in defense of ACTRA's jurisdiction.
- g) approve the ACTRA Budget and appoint the Auditors;
- h) appoint the Arbitrator (see Dispute Resolution Mechanism in the By-Laws);
- i) set and develop policies and advance public policy objectives;
- j) be responsible for international relations;
- k) elect the ACTRA President, and the ACTRA Executive, and ensure adherence to the Budget by the Executive and by the ACTRA staff;
- l) convene the Annual General Meeting; and
- m) may establish and disband National Committees.

710 Affiliated Trade Unions and Council of Trade Unions

The National Council or its Executive is empowered to establish, ~~or~~ cause to be established or join one or more affiliated or otherwise related trade unions or council of trade unions, for the purpose of representing employees in ~~inter alia~~ the regulation of relations between such employees and their respective employers, subject to Provincial legislation. The National Council or its Executive is also empowered to vest appropriate authority in such council of trade unions as necessary to enable them to discharge the responsibilities of a bargaining agent.