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PLEASE POST

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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: By-law Change

The following change is to the Buffalo Teachers Federation's Bylaws that was discussed at the last, January 28, 2016, BTF Council of Delegates meeting.

Bold = Added Wording

ARTICLE IV Council of Delegates

- C. Forty Percent (40%) of the membership **or sixty percent of the faculty units** of the Council of Delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Note: Article IV, A states:

"Delegates and Alternates from the various faculty units shall compose the Council of Delegates" e.g., a unit is like the 400 unit.

Rationale – A quorum call at the October Council of Delegates, at which less than 40% of the members were present, prevented any business being conducted as there was less than 40% of the members present.

However, 60% of the faculty units were in attendance. Some schools/units may have five (5) delegates and alternates, some school/units have two (2). While it is preferable to have all delegates at the Council of Delegates meetings, two (2) out of five (5) or one (1) out of two (2) still provides each school/unit with representation. While sixty-three percent (63%) of the units were present at the December meeting and not 40% of the members of the Council of Delegates, no business could be transacted due to a lack of a quorum.

While we often have 75-85% of the units represented, it is not always the case that we have forty percent (40%) of the members present.

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