

ARM CHAPTER 25
Constitution
(August 2023)
(Note: proposed changes in red)

Article 1 Definitions

1.1 In this constitution

- 1.1.1 "GM" shall mean a General Meeting of the Chapter.
- 1.1.2 "ARM" shall mean the Active Retired Members' Council of OSSTF.
- 1.1.3 "Chapter" shall mean the **ARM Chapter 25 Limestone/Ottawa-Carleton/Renfrew/Upper Canada.** ~~(Ottawa-Carleton Chapter 25)~~
- 1.1.4 "Constitution" shall mean the system of fundamental principles according to which the Chapter is governed and the basic organization of the Chapter.
- 1.1.5 "Member" shall mean Active Retired Member except where otherwise stated.
- 1.1.6 "OSSTF" shall mean the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.
- 1.1.7 "**Present**" shall mean physically present.

Article 2 Name

- 2.1 The name of this organization shall be **ARM Chapter 25 Limestone/Ottawa-Carleton/Renfrew/Upper Canada.** ~~(Chapter 25 ARM Ottawa-Carleton)~~

Article 3 Objectives

- 3.1 The objectives of **the Chapter** ~~(of Chapter 25)~~ shall be:
 - 3.1.1 to provide a structure for furthering the goals and welfare of its retired members.
 - 3.1.2 to organize social **and political** activities of interest and concern to its members.
 - 3.1.3 to assist in furthering the objectives of OSSTF.
 - 3.1.4 to be a strong advocate for Public Education.

Article 4 Membership

- 4.1 Membership shall be **as defined in the OSSTF/FEESO Constitution and Bylaws.** ~~(open to any former, now retired member of OSSTF whose application for membership has been approved by the Provincial Executive).~~

Article 5 Fees

- 5.1 Fees shall be in accordance with the By-laws of OSSTF.

Article 6 Organization

- 6.1 Chapter Membership shall:
 - 6.1.1 Consist of all Members of **ARM Chapter 25 Limestone/Ottawa-Carleton/Renfrew/Upper Canada.** ~~(Chapter 25 Ottawa-Carleton)~~
- 6.2 Chapter Executive
 - 6.2.1 The elected officers of the Chapter shall be the President, ~~and~~ Secretary **and** Treasurer. **Elected Officers and** Executive voluntary members shall be full voting members of the Executive.
 - 6.2.2 Each Member of the Executive shall have one vote and a quorum shall be a simple majority.

Article 7 Amendments

- 7.1 Amendments to the Constitution may be made at a General Meeting of the Chapter:
 - 7.1.1 by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Members present and **qualified to vote** ~~(voting)~~, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given in writing through the Chapter Executive to each Member at least one week in advance of the meeting, or
 - 7.1.2 by a 9/10 affirmative vote of the Members, present and **qualified to vote** ~~(voting)~~, notice as in 7.1.1 not having been given.

7.2 Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at a General Meeting of the Chapter:

- 7.2.1 by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Members present and qualified to vote, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given in writing through the Chapter Executive to each Member at least one week in advance of the meeting or,
- 7.2.2 by a 9/10 affirmative vote of the Members, present and qualified to vote notice in 8.1.1 not having been given.

Article 8 Constitution and Bylaws

- 8.1 Nothing in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter may contravene the OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Constitution or Bylaws.

CHAPTER 25 BY-LAWS

Bylaw 1 Duties of the Chapter

- 1.1 To further the objectives and activities of ARM and OSSTF.

Bylaw 2 Meetings

- 2.1 General Meeting
 - 2.1.1 Notice of the date, time, and location of a GM shall be mailed or e-mailed to each member of the Chapter at his/her last known mailing address or e-mail address at least 30 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - 2.1.2 A General Meeting shall be called at the request of the Executive.
- 2.2 Meetings of the Executive shall be called by the Chapter President as the need arises.
- 2.3 Representation at Meetings
 - 2.3.1 Any Member in good standing of **the Chapter**, (ARM Chapter 25) present **and qualified to vote**, shall have the right to speak and vote at a **General Meeting (GM)**.
 - 2.3.2 Neither proxy nor write-in voting shall be allowed at any **(ARM)** Chapter meeting.
- 2.4 Quorum
 - 2.4.1 The quorum for any duly called **Chapter (ARM Chapter 25)** meeting shall be the members in good standing who are present **and qualified to vote**.

Bylaw 3 Elections

- 3.1 The President, ~~and~~ Secretary **and** Treasurer at a General Meeting.
- 3.2 The successful candidate shall be the person receiving the greatest number of votes on one ballot.
- 3.3 Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- 3.4 The successful candidates shall remain in office **for a term of two (2) years. until a general meeting is called.**

Bylaw 4 Committees

- 4.1 Ad hoc committees shall be constituted as the need arises.