

SOBLOC 92 REPORT

This report was approved by a majority vote by the standing orders and by-laws organizational committee, and presented to the board of directors of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba on February 16, 2013.

Introduction:

The goal of this year's SOBLOC was to examine the Standing Orders and By-Laws of the organization, and examine possible areas for change, with a geared focus on maintaining the organizations legitimacy. Due to the extensive work of the previous SOBLOC committees there were only a few recommendations for the Standing Orders, as well as a handful of grammatical changes and a few substantial changes proposed for the By-Laws.

Standing Orders

- **Section 3, Clause 6, Sub-Clause 4:** Change to "They will be required to stand still..." **adding the word "TO"**
 - SOBLOC decided that the Standing Orders must have good grammar in order to be clear and understandable for everyone.
- **Section 7, Clause 41, change to:** "a member may raise a Point Of Order to call the attention of the Speaker..." **eliminating the comma after "Point Of Order"**

By-Laws

- **New Article:** Creating a new Article 19 titled "Sponsorship and Donations" and adjust future numbering accordingly. The new Article 19 will read "No sponsor, donor or supporter shall ever be allowed to claim title sponsorship of any Youth Parliament landmark event with the exception of Speakers Night"
 - As an organization, we pride ourselves of being "by youth, for youth". SOBLOC found it necessary to keep with our motto and to ensure that Youth Parliament continue to be brought to its members by the hard working youth who put in countless hours to help make all events possible.
- **Article 3, Clause 2, change to:** "The Goal of YPM Inc..." **removing the word "The"**
 - In anticipation of any confusion that may arise due to the previously proposed amendments in the Standing Orders, SOBLOC decided to carry on their stance on grammar in the By-Laws.
- **Article 5, clause 1, sub-clause b, change to:** "Twenty-Five." **Adding a hyphen between the words "twenty" and "five"**
- **Article 5, clause 8, change to:** "Membership may be granted to or revoked from an individual by unanimous vote of the Board." **Adding the word "To"**
- **Article 7, clause 17, sub-clause c, change to:** "Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings" **removing the word "and" at the end of the clause.**
- **Article 14, clause 58, sub-clause C, sub-sub-clause 7, change to:** "Why they are in favour of not being impeached" **adding the word "IN"**
- **Article 19, change to:** "Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, any remaining assets after paying all debts shall be distributed to one or more qualified donees as determined by the board." Changed from: "Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, all assets remaining after

paying all debts shall be distributed to an incorporated, non-profit Manitoba organization as determined by the Board.”

- The organization’s mandate should pertain to the development of leadership skills and fellowship amongst Manitoban youth.

Conclusion

This year’s SOBLOC has examined the governing documents of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba and has found nine aforementioned recommendations for change to improve the organization of the corporation for the future.