



**AAUP-Collective Bargaining Congress
Election Committee**

Procedures for the Resolution of Election Challenges

(1) The Election Committee of the AAUP-CBC (“Election Committee”) is duly established to investigate complaints and render decisions regarding election related events and to issue rules governing elections consistent with CBC Constitution and applicable law.

(2) The Election Committee will be comprised of three members, at least one of whom is not a member of the AAUP-CBC Executive Committee. Membership in the Election Committee is limited to members who are not candidates for office and who are not actively involved in any election campaign. Members of the Elections Committee are to be appointed annually by the AAUP-CBC Chair and when the Chair is running for office the Secretary.

(3) Any AAUP-CBC member unit (through the unit’s President or the President’s designee), any candidate for AAUP-CBC office, or any voting delegate at the AAUP-CBC meeting at which the election is held may file an election challenge (a “challenging party”).

(4) A challenging party wishing to submit a challenge regarding the manner in which an election is being or has been conducted must file such challenge in writing no later than ten (10) business days after the date on which final vote totals are announced. The challenge must be delivered to the Elections Committee by filing it, via certified mail, with the AAUP-CBC National Office, 1133 19th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20036. The protest must clearly state that it is an “Election Challenge” and must specify the particular Constitutional provision(s) or applicable law allegedly violated.

(5) Challenges shall be referred to the Election Committee for resolution. The Election Committee will consider a challenge only after the final vote is announced.

(6) The Election Committee will investigate the challenge; render a decision within thirty (30) days; and, if appropriate, recommend any policy changes for consideration by the AAUP-CBC Executive Committee. The burden shall be on the challenging party to show by a preponderance of the evidence that the election was conducted in violation of the AAUP-CBC Constitution or applicable law.

(7) The Election Committee’s decision will be final, binding, and nonappealable to any other committee or body within the AAUP-CBC or the AAUP.