

# **Efling council of delegates**

## **Purpose and procedures**

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***Presentation at the first meeting of a new council  
January 14, 2021***



# Bylaws on the council's role and work

- See article 15 of the [Efling bylaws](#)
- Union's highest authority between general meetings
- Manned by 115 general members and 15 board members = 130
- Board may appoint substitutes when members can't attend
- 2-year term (starts on January 1 in odd-numbered years)
- Elects other union subcommittees
- Monthly meetings in the winter (October-May)
- Should reflect the union (sectors etc)
- Chairman chairs meetings

# Who is on the council?

- Active members with experience of or interest in the union's work
- List is prepared by a selection committee – looks at composition and groups (gender, age, origin, region, sector, public/private etc)
- (Alternative lists may be presented but normally no opposing list)
- Substitutes may be appointed in place of those who quit
- **Remember: Supreme authority in union affairs!**
- (**Council of delegates** is not a council of **union reps** – although many members are reps and vice versa)

# Customary procedures

- Meetings held on Thursdays on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in Guðrúnartún
- Hot food in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor canteen
- Chairman, board and staff prepare meetings
- Usually deal with policy and struggles of the union, rather than operations
- Meetings are held according to a meeting schedule
- Attendance list is kept
- Since 2018 all meetings have been **interpreted** by text
- Minutes are kept and **translated** to English
- Fall concludes with a Christmas meeting and a Christmas present

# Revival of the council

- Fall 2020: new procedures to improve activity in the council
- The board takes more time to prepare and participate in meetings – has permission to decide topics and invite guests from the membership
- Staff call invitees and are present at meetings to assist
- Quality lectures + discussion
- Meeting product – e.g. resolution for public distribution
- Union dues repaid at working year's end in proportion to attendance (see regulation sent via email on January 12, 2021)
- Improvements to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor have begun!

# Rules of order

- Only council members have voting rights at meetings
- Majority of attending members decides
- All council members may speak with the chair's permission
- List of speakers used
- Any issue may be taken up under “Other matters”

# Covid-19 pandemic

- October 15: First online meeting of the council
- Zoom app used – both for lectures and group discussion
- Meetings start at 7:30pm, maximum 2 hours
- Text-translation via the CC button
- Buttons for voting
- **HAS GONE BETTER THAN COULD BE HOPED!**
- Meetings will remain online until restrictions on gatherings are lessened – the council has 130 members!

# Practicalities: before and after meetings

- Meeting schedule until May ready (see later slide) – sent via email on January 12, 2021
- Invitations and documents sent via **email** – remember to check email regularly and let us know if you don't get them!  
([felagssvid@efling.is](mailto:felagssvid@efling.is))
- After each meeting, confirmation of attendance sent via email – let us know if you don't get it!  
([felagssvid@efling.is](mailto:felagssvid@efling.is))



# Practicalities: Zoom meetings

- Enter the meeting with your own name
- Use “mute” when you’re not speaking
- “Chat” and other commands can be used
- Don’t hesitate to ask staff for help!
- **We’re positive, patient and help each other out!**

# Meeting schedule

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TRÚNAÐARRÁÐ	Fim 14. janúar	19:30
TRÚNAÐARRÁÐ	Fim 11. febrúar	19:30
TRÚNAÐARÁÐ	Fim 11. mars	19:30
TRÚNAÐARRÁÐ	Fim 8. apríl	19:30
AÐALFUNDUR GILDIS	(auglýst síðar)	
AÐALFUNDUR	Fim 6. maí	20:00
TRÚNAÐARRÁÐ	Fim 20. maí	19:30