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**Constitution, By-Laws & Rules of Order**

The American National Trucking Union Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of Order are the governing rules for the General Assembly and the Great Council.

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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the American National Trucking Union invoking the Divine guidance of Almighty God in order to secure to ourselves and our descendants the rights and benefits the traditional laws of the American people to which we are entitled as sovereign States; to promote the common welfare of the American people and to foster the continued loyalty and allegiance of American National's and State Resident's for The United States of America do establish this organization within the American National Union of The United States of America from the original Union of 1774 and hereby ratify this Constitution and By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this Union shall be the American National Trucking Union (hereinafter “ANTU”) A Public Union of people within the American National Union of The United States of America.

## **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION A**

(1) ANTU membership is made up of businesses of various types that wish to do business within the metes and bounds and seaward boundaries of The United States of America.

## **SECTION B**

Membership shall be of four levels:

### **1. Private Membership Association Membership**

Any person doing business as a private club, association, foundation or other type of private business:

A) All private organizations must have its existence published in a publication of record.

### **2. Corporate Membership**

A) All corporations within The United States of America shall have its existence published in a publication of record regardless of type.

### **3. Associate Membership**

A) Open to all foreign businesses registered to do business within The United States of America with the Government of The United States of America.

### **4. Organization Associate Membership**

A) All other organizations, political in nature or otherwise shall be qualified for organization associate membership.

No individual or organization with known subversive activities or affiliation shall be admitted to membership, nor shall their contributions be accepted.

## **SECTION C**

### **Vacancies and Reinstatement of Members**

A vacancy occurs when a member resigns, retires, dies or is removed by the Great Council that has appointed him/her or expulsion.

## **SECTION D**

### **Powers**

The General and Supreme power of ANTU resides in its members meeting in General Assembly and through the members Delegate. The General Assembly reserves the authority to Delegate specific duties and responsibilities to the Great Council or other ANTU officers.

It shall, without limitation, have the following specific powers:

- To generally carry out the purpose and responsibilities of the ANTU;
- To elect officers and determine their duties;
- To adopt and amend any and all policies of the ANTU;
- To authorize the obligation of the ANTU assets and resources;
- To support or oppose public policy as it pertains to or impacts membership;
- To determine the time and on-line location of the ANTU Annual Convention meetings; and,
- To constitute committees for such purposes as it deems necessary.

## **SECTION E**

### **Meetings**

The two (2) official meetings of ANTU membership shall be the Annual Convention and the Mid-Year Conference. These meetings are to be held at the time and on-line location designated by the ANTU of The United States of America Great Council.

#### **1. Quorum**

A quorum of the Annual Convention or the Mid-Year Conference shall be 50% + 1 of the membership having met the requirements of credentials.

#### **2. Rules of Order**

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws, the ANTU Standing Rules of Order, Robert's Rules of Order, and/or other modifications or revisions to such rules as deemed appropriate and necessary by at least two thirds (2/3) of the members in session.

## **SECTION F**

### **Officers**

The duly constituted officers of Unions shall be a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other officers may be elected or appointed by the ANTU as the organization deems necessary or desirable.

## 1. Nominations

a. **Great Council:** Nominations for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be made from the floor of the Convention. After nominations have concluded, the balloting for these offices shall be conducted by a consolidated secret ballot.

b. **Qualifications:** (1) Members in good membership standing shall qualify for nomination, election or office of the Great Council.

## 2. Elections

a. **Election Process:** Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot of the ANTU members by a majority vote of all members in General Assembly.

b. **Certification Procedures:**

(1) **Great Council:** An Election Committee shall be appointed by the Great Council to conduct the elections and certify the election results.

(2) **Delegates:** A Union Election Committee shall be appointed according to procedures established by each Union and shall conduct the elections and certify the election results.

## 3. Votes

Each member is entitled to one (1) vote.

## 4. Terms of Office

a. **Great Council:** The regular term of elected the Great Council officers shall be for two (2) years, from the adjournment of the Annual Convention at which they are elected until the adjournment of the next Annual

Convention two (2) years henceforth. No elected officer of the Great Council may hold the same office continuously for more than four (4) years.

b. Resignation – Great Council members shall be considered to have submitted their resignation when they no longer hold the necessary qualifications, but may continue to serve the remainder of their term with the support of the Great Council.

#### 5. Vacancy(s)

In the event of the death, resignation, or loss of ability to perform the essential duties of office with or without reasonable accommodations of a Member of the Great Council, a replacement shall be selected for the remainder of the term(s) as follows:

##### A. For the Great Council members:

(1) The members shall select a replacement by majority vote of those present at a duly called meeting.

(2) Upon the death, resignation, or loss of ability to perform the essential duties of office with or without reasonable accommodations of the Chairman, the office shall be filled by the Deputy Chairman.

### **ARTICLE III – GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **SECTION A**

##### **Membership**

The General Assembly shall consist of the members of ANTU.

## **SECTION B**

### **Delegates/Alternate Delegates**

Each Union shall designate its official Delegate to ANTU from businesses eligible for voting membership in this organization, and may designate alternates who may, in the absence of the regular Delegate, exercise all rights of the regular Delegate. Each member Union shall certify such choice to the Credentials Committee prior to the Annual Convention. Each Delegate shall continue as such until a successor is certified by the member Union.

## **SECTION C**

### **Meetings**

Great Council shall hold an Annual Conference meeting within the first quarter of each year in a designated place that is convenient for the General Assembly to meet. It shall also meet on such other occasions as shall be determined necessary by majority vote of the Great Council, or in case of emergency, at the call of the Chairman or a majority of the Great Council to address any emergency issues.

## **SECTION D**

### **Powers**

The control, administration, and determination of policy of the organization shall be vested in the Great Council with authority to Delegate specific duties and responsibilities to the General Assembly, provided however, that such administrative policy shall not be in conflict

with actions taken by the organization in duly called, notice, and convened Annual Convention. It shall, without limitation, have the following specific powers:

To organize for business and regulate its own procedure and to adopt from time to time, amend By-Laws for administration of affairs of the organization not inconsistent with this Constitution.

To fix transfer fees payable by members.

To accept gifts, bequests, and contributions from any sources except known subversive organizations or individuals and all contributions shall be directly deposited within the ANTU Treasury as an asset of the ANTU.

To appropriate, allocate and budget funds to effectuate the purposes of the organization.

To adopt and determine upon policies on behalf of the organization taking fully into account any relevant action of the Annual Convention, provided that no action taken by the Great Council shall be in conflict with the terms provided herein.

To constitute committees for such purposes as it deems necessary.

To affiliate with other organizations or to permit their affiliation with the ANTU, as will support the purposes of the organization.

In general, to carry out the purpose of the ANTU as proclaimed by this Constitution and these By-Laws.

## **SECTION E**

### **Quorum**

One-third (1/3) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

## **SECTION F**

### **Special Action**

Great Council may act by mail ballot upon any matter within its power at any time between Annual Conventions through the following procedures:

At the direction of the Delegates;

At the direction of the Chairman;

Through a petition stating the issue to be voted upon and signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the General Assembly. The petition must be submitted to the Administration for distribution by email to the certified members of the General Assembly. The ballots must be mailed within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the petition and counted on the 21st calendar day from the mailing at five (5) p.m. UTC-6.

## **ARTICLE IV – Great Council**

### **SECTION A**

#### **Membership**

Great Council shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

### **SECTION B**

#### **Powers**

Great Council shall:

Not amend the Constitution, take any action contrary to the Constitution or By-Laws, or reverse any action of the General Assembly.

## **SECTION C**

### **Meetings**

Great Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or Deputy Chairman. Any action taken by the Great Council shall be reported by email to the General Assembly within seven (7) calendar days.

## **SECTION D**

### **Quorum**

Three members of the Great Council including either the Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE V – Revenue**

Transfer fees shall be the main source of revenue through reciprocity with the Government of The United States of America.

## **ARTICLE VI – POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

The ANTU and the Great Council shall engage and lend itself to political activity.

## **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended by two thirds (2/3) vote of the total registered members at the Annual Convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the National office of the registrar of the American National Union of The United States of America not later than three months prior to the Annual Convention.

All proposed amendments shall be submitted by the National office to the membership no later than two months prior to the Annual Convention. Before forwarding, the Great Council may review proposed amendments and make recommendations to the membership regarding whether the amendment is in order and promotes the purpose of the ANTU to advocate for the interests of all. Consideration of Constitutional amendments shall take priority over any other business during Annual Conventions.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND RATIFICATION**

The foregoing Constitution was unanimously adopted on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and ratified on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and published in a publication of record.

# Articles of Association

## ARTICLE I - OFFICERS

### SECTION A

#### Officers

The duly constituted officers of the ANTU shall be a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Other officers may be elected or appointed by the ANTU as they deem necessary or desirable.

### SECTION B

#### Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at the Annual Convention and Mid-Year Conference of the organization and meetings of the Great Council and shall exercise other duties Delegated to him or her by the Members through their elected Delegates.

### SECTION C

#### Deputy-Chairman

The Deputy Chairman shall assume the responsibilities of the Chairman in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, and shall carry on such other duties as are assigned by the ANTU members.

## **SECTION D**

### **Delegates**

The Delegates shall:

Serve in a leadership role in business activities in their industry;  
Act as liaison between the particular Industry Union members and members of the Great Council.

## **SECTION E**

### **Secretary**

The Secretary shall perform the duties set forth in the Constitution usually performed by a Secretary, and such additional duties as shall be prescribed by the Great Council.

He/she shall provide copies of the Official Record of all actions by the Annual Convention, the Great Council, and the General Assembly by postmark or electronic delivery within thirty (30) calendar days of the action.

## **SECTION F**

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

Be responsible for all funds of the Union;  
Submit monthly financial reports to the General Assembly; and

Provide for an annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant and submit the report to the Great Council within 15 calendar days of receipt of the report designated by postmark or delivery by electronic delivery.

## **SECTION G**

### **Election and Term of Office**

The term of all officers shall be two (2) years. Officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Officers shall be elected at an election held at the Annual Convention of each odd calendar year. Each officer shall hold office until a successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot by a majority vote cast of all voting Delegates.

If there shall be a tie vote, or if the candidate with the highest number of votes shall not receive a majority of all votes cast in a particular election, a further ballot shall be cast in a particular election, and further ballot shall be cast listing the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. In the case of a tie for second place, there shall be a runoff between the tied candidates. The winner of that run off shall then appear on the next ballot with the candidate originally receiving the highest vote.

## **SECTION H**

### **Oath of Office**

Any officer elected or appointed shall swear to the following Oath of Office:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities of \_\_\_\_\_(office) for the American National Trucking Union of The United States of America, and will to the best of my Ability, **protect** the honor of The United States of America and **defend** the present Articles of Association of 1774 as amended May 15, 2017 and attached hereto for The United States of America and **defend** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Law of Nations **against all hostile foreign powers**, and

#### LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OFFICE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby duly claim the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the American National Trucking Union of The United States of America, and do hereby accept and acknowledge the said position, duties and responsibilities and will faithfully fulfill the aforesaid office;

So solemnly sworn (or affirmed) on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_,”

#### SECTION I

##### Removal

Any officer elected or appointed may be removed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Great Council and Delegates whenever in their judgment the best interest of the ANTU would be served thereby.

#### SECTION J

##### Vacancies

A vacancy in office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Delegates for the unexpired portion of the term.

## **SECTION L**

### **Compensation**

Members of the Great Council and Delegates shall not receive salaries, fees, remunerations, gratuities, or any other form of compensation from the ANTU.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any member of the Great Council or Delegates from serving in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any member from receiving compensation from the particular Industry Union.

## **Article II- Meetings**

### **SECTION A**

#### **Official Meetings**

The official meetings of the American National Trucking Union shall be the Annual Convention, the Mid-Year Conference, the weekly session of the Great Council, and the duly called meetings of the Great Council. The Mid-Year Conference shall be at the option of the Great Council.

Great Council shall hold an Annual Convention meeting within the first quarter of each year on-line at a designated time and place that is convenient for the membership to meet. It shall also meet on such other occasions as shall be determined necessary by majority vote of the Great Council, or, in case of emergency, at the call of the Chairman.

## **Section B**

### **Quorum**

A quorum of the Annual Convention or the Mid-Year Conference shall be 50% + 1 of the membership having met the requirements of credentials. A quorum of the Great Council shall be thirty percent (30%) of the members.

## **SECTION C**

### **Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Great Council may be called by the Chairman or by the written request of at least five (5) members. Business items are limited to the purpose(s) identified in the notice of the special meeting. Other non-controversial agenda items may be added only without objection. Other controversial items may not be added to the agenda without prior notice.

## **SECTION D**

### **Notice of Meetings**

Notice of meetings in writing or by telephone stating the purpose, place, day and time of any meeting of the members shall be delivered by postal, email, in person or by telephone not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting.

## **SECTION E**

### **No Proxy Voting**

At any meeting, a voting member may vote only in person and not by proxy.

## **SECTION F**

### **Teleconference Meeting/Voting by Mail, Email or FAX**

Regular or Special meetings of the Great Council may be held by teleconference provided all members have been duly notified of such meeting at least 48 hours before such meeting.

Members may be asked from time to time to vote on key issues without a meeting. Such voting is allowed provided all members are served with the same ballot and information about the subject voted upon either by mail or electronic deliver.

## **ARTICLE III- Committee appointments for Union divisions**

### **Section A**

#### **Committee appointments for Union Divisions:**

The Chairman is authorized to appoint Committee and Subcommittees. Such appointments shall take place immediately following the election of officers. All Committee and Subcommittee members serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Committee and Subcommittees are authorized to function only while the ANTU is in

session except as otherwise authorized by the Annual Convention, the Great Council, the Constitution, By-Laws, and/or the ANTU Standing Rules of Order.

**IT IS PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED:**

The seal of the American National Union of The United States of America shall be:



The flag of the American National Union of The United States of America shall be:

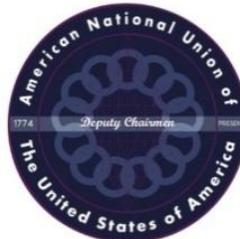


The seal of the American National States of America shall

Chairman of the Union of The United be:



The seal of the Deputy Chairman of the American National Union of The United States of America shall be:



The seal of the Secretary of the American National Union of The United States of America shall be:



The seal of the Treasury of the American National Union of The United States of America shall be:



The Sub-Union structure and style shall be as follows:

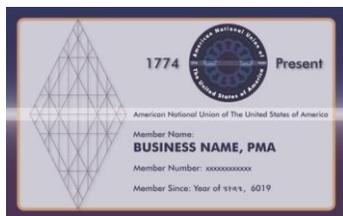
Style: "American National Trucking Union"



The seal of the American National Union of The United States of America shall be in the name of the members of each Union within the American National Union of The United States of America.

The following credentials are hereby established to prove qualification of the office of Delegate or members:

Front:



Back:



Business Certificate:



The following industries shall be the Sub-organizations within the ANTU:

## Section B

### Other Committees, Task Forces, Caucuses and Other Informal Groups

The Chairman may designate other Committees, Task Forces, Caucuses and other informal groups, each of which shall consist of at least two or more members. The purpose of these groups shall be to share information on specific issues and develop policy recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly. The designation of such groups and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Great Council, or any individual Council member, of any responsibilities imposed on it or him/her by law or any authority to set the policy direction of the ANTU. Such groups may be dissolved with the Chairman, in consultation with the particular Industry Union, when they have achieved their purpose, or when they no longer meet the needs for which they were originally created.

## Section C

### Committee Chairs

The Chairman is authorized to make a list of interim chairs of all Committees and Subcommittees prior to meetings at which Committees will be functional. These interim chairs are responsible for making sure that Committee space is available, the time(s) of Committee meetings are posted, a Committee organizational election is conducted, the ANTU support staff is lined up and resolutions directed to the Committee are copied and available to Committee members. Once a Committee has completed its work, it is the responsibility of the chairman of the Committee to designate a representative of the Committee to report to the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE IV- RULES OF ORDER**

All meetings of the ANTU shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws, of the ANTU Standing Rules of Order, Robert's Rules of Order and/or any other modifications or revisions to such rules as deemed appropriate and necessary by at least two thirds (2/3) of the members in Mid-Year Convention.

#### **ARTICLE V- AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS**

##### **AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Assembly by a majority vote of the General Assembly members present, or upon referral on majority vote of the membership of the General Assembly by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the Mid-Year Convention.

## **STANDING RULES OF ORDER**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY RULES OF ORDER**

#### **PURPOSE**

These rules are intended to serve as a guide to Delegates in conducting their business of setting policy for the ANTU, in General Assembly, at the Mid-Year Convention and during special sessions of the General Assembly. It is not intended to take the place of any accepted rule of order or special rules adopted by the Mid-Year Convention. The American National Trucking Union reserves the right to adopt any amendments to these rules or adopt substitute rules at any time with a majority vote of a quorum of the Delegates in General Assembly.

#### **SECTION I**

##### **Registration**

Delegates are not officially seated until they register and meet all the requirements to be credentialed as set forth in the By-Laws. Delegates have the opportunity to register the day before the Mid-Year Convention, or for the first two days of the Mid-Year Convention as designated in the agenda, unless the Chairman specifies otherwise. At least one member of the Credentials Committee must be present at any time registration is taking place.

#### **SECTION II**

##### **Roll Calls**

A. The purpose of a roll call is to determine if registered Delegates representing are actually present at the time of the calling of the roll. The roll will be called:

1. Prior to any critical vote on a controversial issue at the request of a Delegate;
2. During a “roll call” vote; and
3. During election of officers (except when the Delegates decide on an alternate method prior to the beginning of the election process).

A. When roll is taken, the ANTU Secretary shall read only the list of accredited members. At each roll call on the Mid-Year Convention floor, the voting Delegate (or in his or her absence, the alternate) shall stand and state name.

### SECTION III

#### Voting

All duly seated Delegates in good standing are eligible to vote on any matter brought before the Mid-Year Convention or in elections of the Great Council officials. Voting is not official unless a quorum is present:

- A. Based on the Secretary report that establishes a quorum;

#### Voting in Industry Union

Each Union may determine its own procedures for elections of Delegates. Election procedures should be announced in caucus on the day before the election, and may respect agreements among the different areas of the industries. Elections may be conducted by “one-person-one-vote” or by “one--one-vote.”

However, if consensus cannot be reached on election procedures the Elections Committee established by the Chairman will assist in the election and the procedure will follow the regular weighted voting system where each member is entitled to one vote.

## **SECTION IV**

### **Election of Officers**

Only Delegates or alternates to the ANTU in good membership standing shall qualify for nomination. Any registered member in good standing is eligible to nominate others and participate in the election process. Chairman shall turn the Chair over to the Election Committee Chairman. No member of the Election Committee shall be a candidate for any office.

#### **A. Nominations**

Nominations of officers shall begin no later than 30 days before the election of an election year.

1. Nominations of officers shall be in the following order:

a. Chairman

b. Deputy Chairman

c. Secretary

d. Treasurer

2. Election Committee Chairman shall declare nominations open for the office of Chairman;

3. Nomination speeches shall be no longer than two (2) minutes. Individuals making nominations must state their name, the Union they represent, and indicate that they are a member in good standing of the ANTU. Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed.

4. After calling for nominations three (3) consecutive times, the Chairman may declare nominations closed with a motion. Motions to close nominations in order to block a nomination are not allowed.

#### B. Balloting by Delegates

The voting process shall take place from 12:00am to 11:59pm on Election Day of an election year. If needed, balloting for a runoff will be held on the next day. The balloting will take place in a separate room while General Assembly continues.

The balloting for all officers shall be by consolidated secret ballot. Each Delegate shall be entitled to majority vote of the Delegates.

1. Delegates will have an official ballot sent to them in the safest, secure way possible electronically. There will be a registration process set up so all can see a list of Delegates, the correct number of ballots with appropriate number of votes, and a sign in sheet for Delegates.

2. Elections Committee volunteers will be selected by each Delegate of each Industry Union and will check the Delegate against the official Delegate list and monitor the signature while the other distributes the ballots through electronic means, or if meeting in person, by hand.

3. The ballot box or boxes will be inspected by the Elections Committee Chair prior to the balloting to assure that each box is empty and secure. Ballot boxes will be placed in an area that can be clearly viewed by the Elections Committee members, other election officials and the nominees.

4. The elections committee may use electronic vote counting equipment.
5. A registration process shall be set up and Elections Committee members in good standing shall be appointed to distribute ballots to members whose name appears on the list assigned.
6. Balloting shall proceed similar and simultaneous to member voting.
7. Proxy voting is not permitted.
  - A. Robert's Rules of Order require that a majority of the votes must be cast for a candidate for him/her to be elected.
  - B. In the event a candidate does not get a majority of the Delegate votes, another balloting will take place. Only the two (2) highest vote receivers for an office will be on the second ballot. Once a candidate gets a majority of the Delegate votes, the Chair will request a motion to adopt the Election Committee report.

## **SECTION V**

### **Rules of Order**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the official rules of order for the Mid-Year Convention and Committees. General Assembly reserves the rights to adopt replacement rules or special rules as it sees fit from time to time.

## **SECTION VI**

### **Business Cycle**

One significant exception to the use of Robert's Rules of Order is a policy that provides for a two (2) year business cycle for Mid-Year Convention action. This means that all Mid-Year Convention business has a life equal to the two year term of the ANTU. However, a Resolution, once adopted,

remains the policy of the ITOA until withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution, or until it expires pursuant to its terms.

## **General Laws**

Articles of Association of 1774 as amended on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 shall be adopted herein as the General Laws of the ANTU, Union of The United States of America.

The ANTU of The United States of America shall hereby ratify the following Bill of Rights for the purpose of restricting the ANTU as it pertains to the members thereof. The following Bill of Rights is the general rights of the members and do not pertain to any office holder:

## **Bill of Rights – Preamble**

We, the members, by assuming and exercising a power of dispensing with and suspending of laws and the execution of laws without consent of this body: Excessive bail, illegal and cruel punishments inflicted, excessive fines, forfeitures before any conviction or judgment against, violating the freedom of election of members, erecting arbitrary courts and forced to be subject thereto for the purpose of undermining the authority of the ANTU.

Zero tolerance is now declared for all laws which are utterly and directly contrary to the known laws and by laws and freedom of this body and this Constitution and for the amending, strengthening and preserving of the law hereby ratify and ordain this Bill of Rights.

- 1) By assuming and exercising a power of dispensing with and suspending of laws and the execution of laws without consent of the members;
- 2) By committing and prosecuting divers worthy prelates for humbly petitioning to be excused from concurring to the said assumed power;
- 3) By issuing and causing to be executed a commission under a foreign great seal for erecting a body for Ecclesiastical Causes;
- 4) By levying money for and to the use of the Great Council by pretense of prerogative for other time and in other manner than the same was granted by Delegates;
- 5) By raising and keeping a standing army within The United States of America in time of peace without consent of the members, and quartering soldiers contrary to law;
- 6) By causing several good members to be disarmed at the same time when papists and his orders were both armed and employed contrary to law;
- 7) By violating the freedom of election of Delegates to serve in the General Assembly;
- 8) By prosecutions in the various assemblies for matters and causes cognizable only in office holders, and by divers other arbitrary and illegal courses;
- 9) That the pretended power of suspending the laws or the execution of laws by regal powers is illegal;
- 10) That the pretended power of dispensing with laws or the execution of laws by regal authority, as it hath been assumed and exercised of late, is illegal;

- 11) That the commission for erecting any Court of Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, and all other commissions and courts of like nature, are illegal and pernicious;
- 12) That levying money for or to the use of the Great Council by pretense of prerogative, without grant of General Assembly, or in other manner than the same is or shall be granted, is illegal;
- 13) That it is the right of the members to petition the Great Council, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal;
- 14) That election of members is free;
- 15) That the freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in General Assembly are not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of the General Assembly;
- 16) Excessive bailment is not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted;
- 17) That juries of peers are to be duly impaneled and returned, and jurors whom pass upon men in trials for high treason shall be convicted under due process of law;
- 18) That all grants and promises of fines and forfeitures of particular persons before conviction are illegal and void;
- 19) And that for redress of all grievances, and for the amending, strengthening and preserving of the laws, the General Assembly shall be held frequently.
- 20) The right to life, liberty and the right to own property and a reservation of all intangible property rights for all members are hereby fully recognized.

## CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND RATIFICATION

The foregoing By-Laws were unanimously adopted on November 21<sup>st</sup>,2017 and ratified on November 28<sup>th</sup> ,2017 and published in a publication of record.

Interim Office holders:

Chairman – Sean Beller

Deputy Chairman – James O’Neill

Secretary – JOHN MARK ADAMS, PMA

Treasurer – Mark Fain