## 2020 MAPE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

# **Speaker of Employee Right Committee**

Whereas the current chair of the Employee Rights Committee (ERC) is the Statewide Vice President:

Currently all Statewide communities except the Executive Committee and ERC elect their own chair/leader;

The ERC has a specific task to approve or deny arbitration appeals;

The ERC is made of 21 Chief Stewards, elected by local stewards within their region;

The Statewide Vice President does not need to be a former Chief Steward, and usually is not;

The Statewide Vice President may have never handled an arbitration appeal;

The arbitration appeal process needs to run consistently and smoothly in fairness to our members;

Chief Stewards need confidence the presiding officer at arbitration appeal meetings has extensive knowledge and experience with arbitrations;

Therefore it would be most efficient for the ERC to be chaired by a Chief Steward knowledgeable in procedure and practice

Resolved, that the governing documents be amended as below to allow the Employee Rights Committee (ERC) to elect its own Speaker every year at the first meeting in June and the Speaker will preside over arbitration appeals and sit on the Arb team.

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