

General Resolution #4 regarding use of dues for FPJQ memberships (Jean-Philippe Angers – Charles-Philippe Giroux)

**Whereas** some media and unions pay the membership fees to the Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec (FPJQ) (\$ 186.26 including taxes for the year) of their employees and members.

**Whereas** the FPJQ is a non-profit organization that promotes freedom of the press and the public's right to information, and that it survives for the most part on membership fees and that the job losses in the industry over the years have impacted its finances and its ability to defend journalists.

**Whereas** the FPJQ wishes to evaluate the interest of unionized employees in Quebec in the possibility of their union paying - in whole or in part - for membership.

**Whereas** a majority of unionized members of Canadian Press in Quebec, in a non binding survey, answered 'yes' to the question: 'Would you be in favor of the use of a portion of your union dues to pay – in whole or in part – for your membership fees to the Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec (FPJQ) and the ones of every other member who would be interested to be part of the FPJQ?'

**And whereas** the pay in whole or in part of the membership fees to FPJQ of the employees interested cannot be done within the local budget allowed every quarter to the local unit.

**Be it resolved** that a distinct budget with the member dues in Quebec be created to pay – in whole or in part – for the membership fees to the members interested to be part of FPJQ.