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Recognizing the difficulty MUSA had in securing a negotiated contract, a motion was put forth at the 2001 Annual General Meeting to create a committee to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of MUSA joining a larger union. The motion was carried and the Pros and Cons Committee was struck. This committee met throughout 2002 and produced a questionnaire consisting of approximately 70 questions.

This was sent to six unions – Canadian Auto Workers (CAW), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and United Steel Workers of America (USWA). After careful analysis and consideration the committee put forth a motion at the Annual General Meeting of October 2002. This motion outlined the process for deciding whether MUSA should join a larger union and, if so, which union we should join. The timeframe proposed was approximately six weeks. The motion was amended and carried.

Given the time sensitive nature of the motion, as well as the time constraints in relation to the upcoming round of collective bargaining with the first Collective Agreement expiring June 15, 2003, the Pros and Cons Committee recommended that at the January 2003 Special General Meeting, that the motion be tabled.

