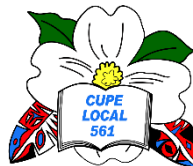


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April 28, 2025

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS

All election questions and communication will go through the Returning Officer via email -
ReturningOfficer@cupe561.ca

Positions to be Elected	Term	Bargaining Unit (eligible to nominate and vote)
Treasurer	1 Year	All
Executive Shop Steward	1 year	All
Bargaining Committee (1 position)	Current Bargaining	SD43
Membership Officer	2 year	All

Timelines for the 2025 Vice-President, Steward, and Committee Elections are as follows

April 30th - notice to all sites election nominations open on May 8th

May 8th (12:01 am) - five-day nomination period opens

May 12th (11:59pm) - nominations closed

May 19th (3:30pm) - Campaign materials due to returning officer via email

May 20th - vetting campaign materials

May 20th - Returning Officer will email nominees approving of campaign materials

May 23rd (3:30 pm) Physical campaign material due to office

May 28 - ten-day campaign period begins

June 7th (12:01 am) - five-day election begins

June 11th (11:59pm) election closes

June 12th - Winners announced

Nomination process

Nominations are to be sent electronically as follows:

- Nominator sends an email to the Returning Officer and cc's the nominee and union office stating what position they are nominating the individual for
- Nominee replies to the nominator and cc's the Returning Officer and union office stating they accept.
- Returning Officer replies to both the nominator, nominee and union office that it has been accepted.
- Once the nomination period is closed, an election is held, or the position is filled by acclamation. To be eligible for election to any position the member on the date of being nominated must be a member in good standing.

Voting Process – Treasurer and Executive Shop Steward

- The election will use a preferential voting system where members must rank all candidates in order of preference on an online system approved by the Executive Board. To be elected a candidate must receive a majority (more than half) of the unspoiled votes.

- An instant run-off system of counting votes will be used when ballots are initially counted for each voter's top choice. If a candidate has more than half of the vote based on first choices, that candidate is elected. If no candidate has more than half of the vote, the candidate with the least number of votes will be dropped from the list. The next preference from the dropped candidate that has not been elected or eliminated will be counted and added to the remaining candidate's totals. If this results in a candidate receiving more than half of the vote, the candidate is elected. This process continues until a candidate has more than half of the votes.

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Voting Process – Bargaining Committee and [Membership Officer](#)

- The election will use a plurality voting system where members cast as many votes as the number of seats to be filled. There is no need to rank in order of your preference.
- The candidates with the most votes are elected.
- When more than one member is to be elected to an office, the member voting shall be required to vote for the full number of candidates to be elected or else the electronic vote will be declared spoiled.

Voting Period – June 7th 12:01am to June 11th at 11:59pm

- Eligible voters will potentially receive multiple ballots, depending on which unit you are part of.
- Online voting will be via [Simply Voting](#), please watch your [inbox](#) and [junk folder](#) for your ballots.
- Please email returningofficer@cupe561.ca as soon as possible if you have any questions