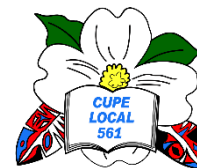


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NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Vice-President, Stewards, and Committees

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)
Vice-President (1)	1 Year	All
Steward – SD43 (16)	2 years	SD43
Steward – Transdev Abbotsford (2)	2 years	Transdev
Steward – Transdev Chilliwack (2)	2 years	Transdev
Steward – Transdev Maintenance (1)	2 years	Transdev
Steward – Library Poirier (1)	2 years	Library
Steward – Library City Centre (1)	2 years	Library
Grievance Committee (4)	1 year	ALL
By-Law Committee (4)	1 year	ALL
Political Action (5)	1 years	ALL
New Westminster District Labour Council (5)	1 Year	ALL
Bargaining (4)	1 years	SD43
Occupational Health & Safety (4)	1 year	SD43
Bargaining (3)	1 year	Transdev
Fraser Valley District Council (4)	1 year	Transdev
Occupational Health & Safety -Abbotsford (2)	1 year	Transdev
Occupational Health & Safety - Chilliwack (2)	1 year	Transdev
Runs Committee – Abbotsford (3)	1 year	Transdev
Runs Committee – Chilliwack (3)	1 year	Transdev
CUPE Metro District Council (5)	1 year	SD43, Library, Montessori
Bargaining (3)	1 year	Library
Occupational Health & Safety – City Centre (2)	1 year	Library
Occupational Health & Safety – Poirier (2)	1 year	Library

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

March 20th 12:01am to March 24th 11:59pm - nomination period opens
March 31 by 3:30pm- Campaign materials for vetting due to returning officer
April 1st/2nd – Vetting campaign materials by the returning officer
April 2nd by 3:30pm - Returning Officer will email nominees approving of campaign materials.
April 4th by 3:30pm – Campaign materials due to union office.
April 9 – ten-day campaign period begins
April 19th - 12:01am to April 23rd 11:59pm - Voting period
April 24 – Winners announced

Nomination process

Nominations are to be sent electronically as follows:

- a) 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.
- b) Nominee replies to the nominator and cc's the Returning Officer and union office stating they accept.
- c) Returning Officer replies to both the nominator, nominee and union office that it has been accepted.
- d) 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 – Vice-President

- 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.

Voting Process – Stewards and Committees

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 – April 19th 12:01am to April 24th 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.