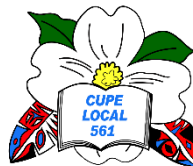


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NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS

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)
President (1)	2 years	All
Recording Secretary (1)	2 years	All
Diversity Member-at-Large (1)	2 years	All
Member-at-Large (2) (SD43)	2 years	SD43
Member-at-Large (1) (Coquitlam Public Library)	2 years	Library
Member-at-Large (1) (Transdev)	2 years	Transdev
Trustee (1)	3 years	All

Timelines for the 2025 Executive Elections are as follows

Feb 1st 12:01am to Feb 5th 11:59pm - Nomination period open

Feb 12th by 3:30 pm - Campaign materials for vetting due to returning officer

Feb 13/14th – Vetting campaign materials by the returning officer

Feb 14th by 3:30pm – Returning Officer will email nominees approving of campaign materials.

Feb 17th 3:30pm – Campaign materials due to union office

Feb 19th – 10 day campaign period begins

March 1st 12:01am - Voting period begins (Simply Voting)

March 5th 11:59pm - Voting closes

March 6th – Elected Officers announced

May 1st - Newly Elected officers will assume elected positions

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.

A member may accept nomination for one office only.

Voting Process

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.

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.

Online voting will be through Simply Voting, please watch your inbox and junk folder for your ballot to come through.

Voting Period – March 1st to March 5th

Eligible voters will receive TWO voting links, one link will be for positions that ALL bargaining units vote for, the second will be for unit specific positions.

Online voting will be via Simply Voting, please watch your inbox and junk folder for your ballots to come through. The voting period will be open for 5 days starting March 1st at 12:01am, and closing on March 5th at 11:59pm