

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Call for nominations Presidential Election, 2021

UPSE's *Presidential Nominations Committee* has issued a call for nominations for the upcoming Presidential election. Presidential terms are for three years. Nomination forms can be picked up at the union office and will include an up-to-date copy of the policies and procedures for the election. In order to be accepted, all nomination forms are due at the UPSE office by **4:00 pm** on **July 19** and must include a biography and picture of the candidate (*candidates are to ensure their information is publication ready*), as well as a \$250 refundable deposit fee.



The *Presidential Nominations Committee* will review all nomination forms. If more than one form is received and accepted, then an election will be called. Candidates are required to meet at **5:00 pm** on **July 19** at the UPSE office to review the policies and procedures for the election. Candidate biographies will be circulated to the membership in *The Accent*. The biographies will also be included in the ballot mail-out on **August 16** which goes to all UPSE members in good standing. Members will then have time to choose their preferred candidate and mail back their ballots. The deadline for UPSE to receive ballots is **September 16 at 4:00 p.m.** Two designated *Presidential Election Committee* members plus up to two scrutineers for each candidate, whose name must be given to the committee chair in advance, will meet at the Charlottetown post office at **8:30 a.m.** on **September 17** to pick up all ballots which are mailed in. The ballots will then be brought to a designated location to be counted by the committee members. The Chairperson will then notify all candidates with the election results.

To be eligible for nomination to the position of President a member must: **a) be employed by a bargaining unit employer** **b) be paying dues** **c) have a signed membership card on file at the UPSE office, and** **d) have a minimum of one year's continuous membership in good standing.**

Note: Members who have not received a ballot by August 27, 2021 may call the office to have a duplicate ballot mailed to their home address. No duplicate ballots will be issued before August 27, 2021.

Note to members distributing The Accent:

Because the material contained in this publication is often of a time-sensitive nature, please post or distribute it as soon as possible.

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Presidential Election Policy: Campaign Rules

- No potential candidate shall be permitted to campaign prior to receiving notice that they are an official candidate from the *Presidential Nominations Committee*.
- An incumbent UPSE President, who is re-offering for the position of President, shall be prohibited from conducting any local tours 116 days prior to convention.
- No candidate or member shall publish or circulate, either verbally or otherwise, information on another candidate or the Union that is false or defames that person's or the Union's character and/or integrity. Any member found guilty of such actions shall be subject to *Article 9: Discipline of the Constitution and Bylaws*.
- Candidates for UPSE President shall be prohibited from circulating campaign material with the exception of UPSE bulletin boards in the workplaces where their approved biography and picture may be displayed. Candidates shall also be prohibited from ALL other forms of advertising. Candidates who violate this UPSE policy shall be disqualified from the campaign by the *Presidential Nominations Committee*, and forfeit their deposit.
- Members of the *Presidential Nominations Committee* shall not actively work on behalf of a candidate or publicly express support for, or opposition to, nor attend meetings called on behalf of a candidate.



Source: UPSE Policy, Presidential Election, A-2017-80

Do You Want to Join UPSE?

Do you know a group of non-unionized workers who might be interested in joining UPSE? If so, please contact Melissa Bruce, UPSE Resource and Organizing Officer, at 902-892-5335, toll free 1-800-897-8773 or e-mail mbruce@peiupse.ca

UPSE offers a wide range of membership services including professional staff to help you when problems arise in the workplace (full grievance support), experienced negotiators to bargain fair and equitable contracts on your behalf, a wide range of educational opportunities, and a benefit program for members.



UPSE is proud to represent over 5000 members in the public and private sectors.