



Members Update for June 21st, 2022

Local Elections This Thursday – I want to thank the Election Committee for meeting with me yesterday to finalize the ballot for Thursday's election. There are a few updates for you and to give you all a heads up before the voting starts, I wanted to pass that info along to you.

- 1) There are only 4 elections on the ballot and casting your vote will only take you about 60-90 seconds. The elections are for 2nd Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Membership Officers (2) and Stewards (10).
- 2) Online ballots are the ONLY way to vote in this election and the results are certified accurate from a 3rd party.
- 3) You have until today at noon to confirm your personal email address with Janna in the office (contact below).
- 4) Emails for voting will go out to valid personal email addresses at 8am Thursday. Voting will close at 5pm.
- 5) The Trustees election has been decided by the candidates. Congratulations to Shelley Livingston as our 3 year Trustee and Robert Desperak as our 2 year Trustee.
- 6) Due to a personal issue, Robyn Archibald has removed herself from the steward nominees and the committee positions she was previously acclaimed for.

Bargaining Committee Nominations – After our Local Election on Thursday, we will have a vacant position on our bargaining committee. Flora DiCarlo was nominated and elected as a member to the bargaining committee but once sworn in on Sunday, she assumes the role of Chief Steward on the bargaining committee, leaving her elected position open. Because of the uncertainty of bargaining this year (could start over the summer), we want to have this position filled as soon as possible and get a new member caught up on what has happened so far and what is still left to do and get them any training needed before bargaining starts.

For these reasons, after the new Executive is sworn in on Sunday, we will be taking nominations during the meeting for the vacant bargaining committee position in person on Sunday June 26th. Nominations must be made in person. If a member is being nominated, they must be present at the meeting to either accept or decline the nomination, or send an acceptance email to the office before 10am Sunday morning. If members are nominated, not present and have not sent an acceptance email – they will be recorded as declining the nomination. If there are multiple accepted nominations we will schedule an election date that complies closely with our bylaws.

June Membership Meeting : This coming Sunday the 26th is our June Membership Meeting, starting at 10am. We do not have scheduled membership meetings over the summer, so we may not see each other again until September unless we need a bargaining vote over the summer depending on how the government proceeds in bargaining with the OSBCU.

Our new Executive will be sworn in on Sunday and members will be able to meet their new stewards, and other various committee members. I encourage ALL members who have been acclaimed or elected for any positions to be present on Sunday to meet members in person.

Our meeting will be held at the HWETL Office (Elementary Teachers Local) as it has been the last two months. A notice for the meeting is attached with this update. [A big shout out to HWETL and their Executive for allowing us to use their hall for our meetings.](#)

I want to take just a few moments to encourage all of you to vote on Thursday. We have a number of good people running for positions and it's not an easy thing to let your name stand and possibly not be elected.

Read the campaign letters that have been approved on our Local website at <https://cupe4153.ca/2022/06/20/all-candidates-election-literature-for-members-to-read/> and if you have any questions about nominees have in their flyer – contact them and ask them. New ideas, motivations and ways of solving problems are welcome to move us forward.

Get involved – do your part. Vote and have your say in who represents members, who defends members, who advocates for members and who is part of the decision making processes for our Local. Ask your co-workers if they are voting and who they're voting for and why – have conversations about it because it is very important for all of us.

YOU ARE THE UNION – YOU get to decide – but only if you vote!

See you Sunday,

Cheers,

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Sunday ~ June 26, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATION: HWETL HALL, 105 NEBO ROAD

AGENDA:

- 1. Swearing In of Elected Officers*
- 2. Nominations for Bargaining Committee*
- 3. Regular Union Business*