

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Call for nominations Presidential Election, 2018

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 30, 2018** and must include a biography and picture of the candidate, 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 30** at the UPSE office to review the policies and procedures for the election. The committee will then meet on August 27 to mail out ballots to all UPSE members in good standing. Biographies will be circulated to the membership in the Accent and will also be included in the ballot mail - out. Members will then have time to choose their preferred candidate and mail back their ballots by **September 26 at 4:00 pm**. Two designated Presidential Election Committee members plus one scrutineer for each candidate, whose name must be given to the committee chair in advance, will meet at the Charlottetown post office at **8:30 am on September 27** 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 September 10, 2018 may call the office to have a duplicate ballot mailed to their home address. No duplicate ballots will be issued before September 10.*

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Stewards' Conference

UPSE held its annual Stewards' Conference on June 1, 2018 in Charlottetown. It's important for our Stewards to network and to receive ongoing education in regard to the latest workplace issues. Stewards are vital contributors to our union. They help co-workers deal with difficult situations, ensure the collective agreement is being followed, improve democracy in the workplace, and provide a bridge between supervisors and employees.

This year's conference was a great success. Presenters Kim Turner, Q.C. and Andrew Nielsen (Pink Larkin) touched on several key issues including violence in the workplace; social media use, cannabis legalization and demonstrated equivalency. Mike Lyriotokis' (Co-chair, Stewards Council) contributions to UPSE were also highlighted in lieu of his upcoming retirement.



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