

# THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## Call for nominations Presidential Election, 2024

UPSE's *Presidential Nominations Committee (committee)* has issued a call for nominations for the upcoming Presidential election. Presidential terms are for three (3) 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 22, 2024** 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 *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 22, 2024** 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 12, 2024** which goes to all UPSE members in good standing. Members will then have time to choose their preferred candidate and mail back their ballots or vote electronically. The deadline for UPSE to receive ballots is **September 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** Two designated *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 13, 2024** 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 or electronic registration 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 22, 2024 may call the office to have a duplicate ballot mailed to their home address. No duplicate ballots will be issued before August 27, 2024.**

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 reasonably appears to disrespect or defame that person's or the Union's character and/or integrity.
- Candidates may use social media as part of their campaign. Candidates are accountable for all content, and feedback/comments shall be disabled to ensure that all UPSE Constitution, by-laws and policies are followed.
- Candidates for UPSE President shall be prohibited from circulating campaign material at any physical location, with the exception of PEI UPSE bulletin boards in the workplaces where their approved biography and picture may be displayed.
- The UPSE logo or like image is not permitted on any campaign material.

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***Any member found guilty of the actions mentioned above shall be subject to Article 9: Discipline of the Constitution and Bylaws and forfeit their deposit. Any forfeited deposits will be donated to a charity designated by the Board.***

### Neutrality of the Elections Committee

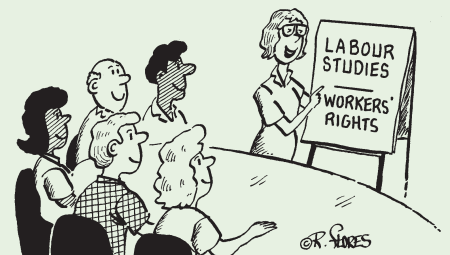
- Members of the *Presidential Nominations Committee* shall not actively work on behalf of a candidate or publicly express support for, or opposition to, nor attend meetings called on behalf of a candidate.

*Source: UPSE Policy, Presidential Election (for a full copy of the policy contact the UPSE office)*

## Steward Level I (June 26, 2024)

The Steward Level I course is designed for members interested in becoming a Steward or have been elected to the position. *The course covers:*

- *the important role Stewards play in the union*
- *what makes unions strong*
- *what tools are required to act effectively in the role of Steward*



**Date: June 26, 9:00 to 4:00 pm at the UPSE office**

**Contact: Register by June 19 at 902-892-5335 or email [peiupse@peiupse.ca](mailto:peiupse@peiupse.ca)**

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