

Prince Edward Island Nurses' Union Policy Manual

Executive Council Elections

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Election Process

1. The Election of Executive Council Officers occurs in accordance with Articles 3.14 –3.22 of the Union's Constitution and Bylaws.
2. The election for Executive Council positions shall occur on a date set by the Executive Council.
 - a. Nominations shall open sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Election.
 - b. Nominations shall close thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Election.
 - c. The Chair of the Nomination Committee shall notify the Executive & Provincial Councils, Nominees, and General Membership, of the slate of Candidates in the election, including their biographies, at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Election.
3. The election of members to the Executive Council shall be by majority of those members who vote.
 - a. The vote shall occur by electronic ballot.
 - b. Votes may be cast until twelve (12) noon on the date of the election.
 - c. The results of the electronic vote shall be communicated to the Chair of the Nominations Committee by no later than 4:00 pm on the date of election.
4. The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee shall declare elected to each office the candidate receiving the largest number of votes.
5. Tie votes:
 - a. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be held.
 - b. If the vote involves more than two candidates and there is a tie for a winning candidate, the candidate(s) with fewer votes shall be dropped from the election ballot, another electronic vote shall take place between the tied candidates within fourteen (14) days.
6. Whenever there is only one (1) candidate for any of these offices, the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee shall declare those candidates acclaimed.

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7. The Nominations Committee shall meet (in person, or by phone/ virtual) on the day of the election to review results and notify candidate(s) and Executive Council.
8. The successful candidate will be notified by the Chair of the Nominations Committee immediately after receiving the results of the election.
9. After notifying the successful candidate, notice will be circulated to all Executive & Provincial Council members and the other candidate(s).
10. The Chairperson of the Nominations Committee shall disclose the total number of votes cast and the number of votes for each candidate to the Executive Council and Candidates.
11. The results of the election shall then be posted online to notify the general membership.
12. The officers shall commence their term immediately following the election at which they are elected. The transfer of officers shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the election.
13. When an officer will be acclaimed, the "Officer Elect" may commence the transfer of office prior to the election date

No Nominations

14. In the event there are no nominations put forward by the Nominations Committee, within thirty (30) days the Executive Council shall seek interest from Members who meet the eligibility criteria. If there is only one candidate, that member shall be acclaimed to the position. If there is more than one candidate there shall be an election held at a special meeting within thirty (30) days.