



HEU's 35th biennial convention: Provincial Executive elections

Please read these guidelines carefully.

WHEN: Sunday, November 1 to Friday, November 6, 2026

WHERE: Vancouver Convention Centre East, 1055 Canada Place

WHAT: HEU convention delegates will elect 26 members to the union's Provincial Executive (PE). The PE governs the union between conventions.

HOW: The HEU *Constitution and By-Laws* set out a process for convention delegates to indicate their intention to run for a PE position in advance of convention.

WHO: Delegates will elect the president, financial secretary, three vice-presidents, two trustees, 13 regional vice-presidents (RVP) and six diversity vice-presidents (DVP). Delegates also elect eight provincial executive alternates, two alternates for each region, and two alternates for each DVP position.

STANDARDS FOR CANDIDATES:

All candidates for Provincial Executive are subject to the [Provincial Executive Campaign Rules](#), and should review these rules before doing any campaigning. These rules hold candidates to the same high standards as members of the Provincial Executive, including the [Code of Conduct](#) and [Social Media Policy](#). The rules are in effect starting April 9, 2026 and can be found at <https://www.heu.org/code-conduct-and-related-heu-policies>.

The Ethics Commissioner handles complaints under the Campaign Rules. That office can be reached at ethicscommissioner@heu-ec.ca.

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

The HEU Ethics Commissioner will provide online information sessions for prospective candidates. These sessions will provide information about the responsibilities and duties of Provincial Executive, and the expectations under HEU's Code of Conduct.

Sign up for information sessions here: heu.org/provincial-executive-candidate-training

HEU will post which candidates attended the sessions.

VOTING PROCESS:

Delegates will break into five regional caucuses to elect their regional vice-presidents (RVPs) and two alternates.

Each diversity vice-president (DVP) and two alternates will be elected during a caucus composed of delegates identifying with one of six corresponding equity groups: 2-Spirit, women and non-binary workers; Indigenous workers; workers of colour; workers with disabilities; 2SLGBTQIA+ workers; and young workers.

Caucus meetings for each designated equity group will be held at different times so that delegates can attend any caucus with which they identify.

The president, financial secretary, three vice-presidents and alternates, and two trustees will be elected by all convention delegates.

CANDIDATE SUPPORT:

Under the PE Election Campaign Rules, a Convention Liaison is appointed from HEU's legal department. This person will share election information with candidates and help candidates access materials and supports available for their campaign. You can reach them at ConventionLiaison@heu.org.

CANDIDATE MATERIALS:

As per Article 6, Section A of HEU's constitution, PE candidates have an opportunity to submit bios, statements and photos on an online webform, which will be sent to convention delegates in a special mailing as well as posted on HEU's website. Candidates can also have a photocopy-ready leaflet printed by HEU's Provincial Office.

Here's the criteria:

- Candidate bios with statements and digital photos must only be submitted via the online webform by **Tuesday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Candidate statements will automatically be cut off on the online webform at the 200-word limit, and candidate bios will be cut off at the 100-word limit.
- No handwritten, scanned, emailed or faxed submissions will be accepted.
- Provincial Office staff will edit grammar, spelling and typos, but will not edit for style, content or length.

HEU WEBSITE PROMOTION:

The PE candidate webform bios with statements and photos will be formatted in a standardized style and posted on the union's website in the HEU convention section, and will be included in a mailing to delegates in September, as per the constitution.

Any submissions after the **August 4 at 5:00 p.m.** deadline will not be included. These guidelines will be strictly applied.

If you need assistance, please email convention@heu.org.

CANDIDATE LEAFLETS:

In addition, candidates can have the Provincial Office photocopy a leaflet for distribution.

- The Provincial Office will produce up to 1,000 copies of the leaflet.
- The photocopy-ready leaflet will be copied on one or both sides as indicated by the candidate, on 8½ X 11 white paper (letter size).
- The Provincial Office will not provide format, layout, editing assistance or folding of leaflets.
- Candidates must email a PDF of their leaflet by **Friday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m.** at convention@heu.org – **subject line: PE candidate leaflet for printing.**
- The photocopies will be ready for pick up, or mailing, to the candidate within two weeks. Please specify an address you want the leaflets mailed to, or whether you want to pick them up at convention, or at the Provincial Office.

AT CONVENTION:

Delegates will have an additional opportunity to submit bios and statements with a photo at the beginning of convention, as per Article 6, Section A of HEU's [Constitution and By-Laws](#).

PE candidate photos will be taken by the HEU convention photographer on Monday, November 2 over the lunch break. Further details will be announced at the convention plenary.

All delegate bios and photos will be displayed at convention 19 hours before the first PE elections.

Candidate Forums will be held for candidates to give a short speech. Candidates for Regional Vice-President will give their speeches at the caucus meeting where voting takes place. A forum will be held for candidates for Diversity Vice-President and alternates. A forum will be held for candidates for President, Financial Secretary, 3 Vice-Presidents/alternates and Trustees.

SPECIAL NOTES:

You **must** be a convention delegate to run for a position on the Provincial Executive.

If your local has not yet elected delegates and you wish to run for the PE, please submit the online webform by the August 4 deadline. You can withdraw it afterwards if you are not selected by your local as a convention delegate.

The Constitution and Bylaws and HEU policies govern elections for Provincial Executive. In the case of differences of interpretation, those documents will prevail.