

Elections are coming! Elections are coming!

Are you a leader and interested in a volunteer position in your union serving as a Representative Assembly (RA) Member or as the Campus Organizational Vice President (Org V.P.)?

The implementation of one faculty bargaining unit for all full time faculty assigned has brought many opportunities to build a strong voice for the faculty. All faculty assigned entered pay status for the academic year on August 12, 2018 and the list of eligible members paying full dues has been checked using payroll run 20.

Individuals paying the full membership dues are eligible to be nominated or to self-nominate to fulfil this role.

In accordance with the bylaws the following positions are available for election.

There are 4 positions open for Organizational Vice President. 1 Org VP at UAF Campus, 1 Org VP at UAA Campus, 1 Org VP at UAS Campus and 1 Org VP for the Extended Site Faculty.

Representative Assembly Positions available are:

UAS Main Campus: 2

UAS Extended Sites: 1

UAA Main Campus: 9

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UAF Main Campus: 9

UAF Extended Sites: 1

The bylaws and constitution can be found at this link: <http://unitedacademics.net/forms-and-docs/cbl/>

Electronic voting will be utilized for this election cycle using a firm that specializes in Union elections. They provide a secure opportunity to vote.

Each year there are two required meetings to be held in Anchorage unless the RA determines otherwise. The set of meetings will require two dedicated days for board training and organizational planning facilitated by AAUP on December 1-2, 2018, and a meeting time set by the board for an April 2019 meeting.

The dates listed below are important and must be met. Please look for a call for nomination email that will be sent by *Votenet*, which officially opens nominations. Reminder emails will be set each week by the Union Office to all eligible voters. Eligible voters are individuals who have chosen to pay the full membership dues. The RA represents all members assigned to the bargaining unit. Only members paying full membership dues have voting privileges and are eligible to serve as an elected leader. All members eligible to vote must have been current in the

payment of full dues as of payroll run 20 this reflects employment and status as of September 9 to September 22, 2018.

Nominations Open: October 5st @ 9 am AKST – Email Call for Nomination. This email will contain the information needed to nominate another member or to self-nominate yourself for any of the open positions.

Nominations Close: October 15th @ 11:59 pm AKST – Nominations Close

Candidates who are not self-nominated must accept the nomination and provide the required materials to be placed on the ballot. All candidates who have been nominated will be notified that they must submit both a candidate statement and a picture for the ballot.

Cutoff for final candidate statement/picture submission: October 22nd @ 5 pm AKST. Failure to provide these two items will result in that candidate's removal from the final ballot.

Voting Starts: November 5th @ 9 am AKST – Email of ballot to all eligible voters.

Voting ends: November 19th @ 11:59 pm AKST.

On November 20th, the Election Committee will finalize the process and send the official results to the Secretary/Treasurer for certification. In the event of a tie a runoff election will be held.

Notification to the membership of the results of the Elections will be sent no later than November 21, 2018. The elected individuals will take office November 21, 2018, and complete the term of office on June 30, 2021.

Please consider serving in this important capacity in your union. You are allowed to make signs to gather votes, and the Union staff will assist all who ask by sending one email soliciting support to your campus voting eligible members.

The Elections Committee serving for this election are:

UAA: Allan Barnes (Chair), Stasia Straley

UAS: Jill Dumesnil

UAF: Judith Ramos and Polly Hyslop.