

# Campaign Guidelines for 2017 -2018 Niagara Elections for Delegates to the Annual General Meeting



ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS, SECTION 2 Nomination of the Local Constitution (Fall 2013) requires:

- ✓ Members shall be notified of the opening of request for nominations at least 30 days prior to the commencement of electronic/in-school voting.
- ✓ Nominations shall be electronically sent to all members of the Elections Committee. The deadline for receipt of nominations shall be at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of electronic/in-school voting.

<p><b>Monday, January 10, 2018</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nominations open</li> <li>➤ Nomination forms will be posted on-line &amp; available through the ETFO Niagara website: <a href="http://www.etfoniagara.ca">http://www.etfoniagara.ca</a></li> <li>➤ Candidates must electronically send:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the nomination form</li> <li>○ a picture and a biography of up to 150 words</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All communication to the Elections Committee must be sent to the following:</p> <p>To: Wendy Bateman      <a href="mailto:wendybats36@yahoo.ca">wendybats36@yahoo.ca</a>  Cc: Rikki DaCosta      <a href="mailto:Rikki.dacosta@gmail.com">Rikki.dacosta@gmail.com</a>  Cc: Kristen Friesen      <a href="mailto:kristenf06@hotmail.com">kristenf06@hotmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> If you are scanning and sending this information please also send an email to all 3 members above indicating materials have been sent via a scanner.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 31, 2018</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nominations close at 4:00pm.</li> <li>➤ <b>Please ensure that ENTIRE NOMINATION PACKAGES are sent in on or before the 4 pm deadline. Any nominations received after that time will not be accepted.</b></li> <li>➤ Candidates will receive acknowledgement of the receipt of their nomination form listing the position(s) for which they are running.</li> <li>➤ Biographies <b>with</b> photos will be published alphabetically in the February ETFO Niagara Newsletter, as well as on the ETFO Niagara website</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday, February 1, 2018</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Election committee will meet to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ review candidate's completed nomination forms, pictures and biographies</li> <li>○ determine if an election is needed</li> <li>○ ensure the appropriate ratio of male and female delegates as per Article X, Section 10.2 of the Constitution</li> <li>○ <b>Nominees will be contacted that evening</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 4:30 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Election committee meets with prospective candidates to explain the election procedures and rules</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, February 8, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Candidate pictures and biographies will be posted on the ETFO website</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, February 15, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Campaigning begins at the ETFO General Meeting at Amici's Banquet Hall, Thorold, ON</li> <li>➤ Candidates will have the opportunity to address the membership at the meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, March 1, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Campaigning ceases 14 days after the General Meeting</li> <li>➤ All candidate information will remain on the ETFO website until Friday, March 9, 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, March 2 – Tuesday, March 6th, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On-line voting will take place over 5 days following the last day of campaigning. This will include the weekend.</li> <li>➤ Voting closes at 12:00 pm Tuesday evening</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, March 8, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Successful candidates for the Delegate positions will be announced (two days after on-line voting closes)</li> <li>➤ The % of the overall votes for the executive positions will be posted on-line</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, March 28, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Successful candidates will be announced</li> <li>➤ Candidate information will be removed from the ETFO website</li> </ul>

### **Article X – Delegates to the Federation Annual Meeting**

**10.1 An active member of ETFO Niagara Local may be nominated as a delegate to the Federation Annual Meeting**

**10.2 A minimum of one third of the allocated number of delegates to the Federation Annual Meeting shall be male, and a minimum of one third shall be female**

**10.3 The President, two Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, shall be delegates of the Local to the Federation Annual Meeting**

**10.4 Delegates to fill the complement shall be elected through electronic or in-school voting by the Local Membership**

**10.5 The Executive shall appoint replacement delegates as needed. The number of alternate delegates shall be determined by the Executive. Alternate delegates shall be runners up from the Local elections. If there are no runners up, alternate delegates may be appointed by the Executive.**

## Campaign Packages

- Delegate Candidates are required to provide a short biography (150 words or less) and a picture to be published in February's ETFO Newsletter and in the election package what will be sent to stewards
- No other paper materials are to be distributed, nor are other kinds of campaign literature (pins, rulers, pens, giveaways)
- Any additional campaigning is to be done via face to face conversations and/or telephone calls
- No Facebook and/or You Tube advertising is permitted
- The courier can **NOT** be used by candidates in this election
- No giveaways are to be distributed at the General Meeting or at work sites

## Campaign Procedures

- Campaigns should **NOT** be carried out in the work sites
- Campaigns may begin **no more than 14 days prior to the election and shall cease by midnight of the day prior to the election**
- Campaigning by telephone is permissible until midnight of the day prior to the election
- **Board e-mail and/or websites are NOT to be used for election purposes under any circumstances**
- Anyone involved in the election must be a current ETFO member in good standing
- Should a Candidate disregard the election procedures and/or rulings of the Elections Committee, the Elections Committee will issue a **Cease and Desist** directive and/or they may inform the membership of the infraction. Further infractions will be dealt with on a case by case basis, and possibly with input from Provincial ETFO
- In the event that there is a discrepancy regarding election guideline procedures and/or elections voting, the Elections Committee will confer and make a determination, which shall then be shared with all candidates. This determination will be deemed final

If you have any questions, please address them via email to:

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