

UWOSA ELECTION – FAQs

Q: How does the election process work?

The rules regarding nominations, campaigning and elections are all outlined in UWOSA’s Constitution and Bylaws. For a copy, visit the UWOSA website at <https://www.uwosa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Current-Constitution-and-ByLaws-amended-December-7-2022.pdf> or contact the Election Committee Chair at elections@uwosa.ca.

Q: What positions are up for Election?

Nominations are being accepted for ALL UWOSA elected positions. There are seven Executive positions (President, Vice President, Chief Steward, Membership Services Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Health and Safety Officer) and 24 Area Steward Positions (2 alternate Steward positions).

Q: What position can I run for?

UWOSA members in good standing can run for any Executive position, or for the Steward position that represents the area in which they work. Members may not run for more than one position in a given election.

Q: How long do the positions last?

All offices have two-year terms. 2024 elected positions begin on May 1, 2024 and end on April 30, 2026.

Q: What are the UWOSA Steward areas?

Following is a list of the UWOSA Steward areas. Some areas have two Steward positions.

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| ACVS, Robarts | Law |
| Arts & Humanities, Music | Libraries (2) |
| Dentistry | Medicine - Basic Clinical |
| Education | Medicine - Basic Science |
| Engineering | Medicine - Dean's Office |
| Facilities Management | Retail Services |
| Finance, HR, ITS, IPB | Science (2) |
| Health Sciences | Social Science |
| Housing & Hospitality Services | Student Services |
| Information & Media Studies | VP External, VP Research |
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Q: What is Full Release Time?

UWOSA's President, Vice President and Chief Steward are on full release time. These individuals are seconded into the UWOSA office for the two-year term. Full time release officers enter with the same wage rate and follow the same working conditions as outlined in the collective agreement, Constitution & Bylaws, and UWOSA Office Policies. Pay and working conditions *do not change*. Once the secondment is completed, each member returns to his or her current position within Western.

Q: What does an Executive Officer do?

The duties of each office are outlined in UWOSA's Constitution and Bylaws. For a copy, visit the UWOSA website at: <https://www.uwosa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Current-Constitution-and-ByLaws-amended-December-7-2022.pdf> or contact the Election Committee Chair, at elections@uwosa.ca.

Q: What is the difference between being an Executive Officer and being an Area Steward?

The Executive Committee meets weekly, usually from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Stewards Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Stewards must attend Council meetings. Executive members must attend both.

Executive members and Stewards are entitled to add one hour to their lunch period to attend these meetings (as per Article 7).

For Executive members and Stewards who don't work on main campus, the release time is extended to allow for reasonable travel time up to one hour in total. This travel time must be made up.

Q: I have more questions. Who do I call?

Please feel free to contact the Election Committee Chair at elections@uwosa.ca.