

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](#).

Q: What positions are up for Election?

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

Q: What position can I run for?

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

Q: How long will I serve for?

All offices have two-year terms. 2026 elected positions begin on May 1, 2026 and end on April 30, 2028.

Q: What are the UWOSA Steward positions?

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

ACVS, Robarts
Arts & Humanities, Music
Dentistry
Education
Engineering
Facilities Management
Finance, HR, ITS, IPB
Health Sciences
Housing & Hospitality Services
Information & Media Studies
Ivey Business

Law
Libraries (2)
Medicine - Basic Clinical
Medicine - Basic Science
Medicine - Dean's Office
Retail Services
Science (2)
Social Science
Student Services
VP External, VP Research

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. Once the secondment is completed, each member returns to their current position.

Q: What does an Executive Officer do?

The duties of each office are outlined in [UWOSA's Constitution and Bylaws](#).

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

The Executive Committee meets weekly, usually from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. 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 Officers must attend both.

Executive Officers and Stewards are entitled to add one hour to their lunch period to attend these meetings (as per Article 7 of the [Collective Agreement](#)).

For Executive Officers 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 contact?

Please feel free to email the Elections Committee Chair at elections@uwosa.ca.