

**CUPE Nova Scotia**

**Regulations Concerning Elections Policy**

# Chief Electoral Officer:

* The Chief Electoral Officer for all elections at convention shall be appointed by the CUPE Nova Scotia Executive. They will be responsible for overseeing the elections, including the balloting, the election forum and other matters pertaining to all elections. They have the power to appoint staff to assist and support this work.
* The Chief Electoral Officer or designate shall report to convention and provide a complete report on all candidate elections.
* The Chief Electoral Officer or designate is charged in dealing with complaints of campaign irregularities and shall report such to the CUPE Nova Scotia Executive Board.

# Candidates for any positions are restricted to the following:

* Candidates may have three brochures but may only distribute one brochure daily on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of convention.
* Distribution of one button only at convention.
* Candidates may have a website and use social media platforms for their campaign.

# Campaign Restrictions:

* All CUPE National staff and non-dues paying members are refrained from involvement in campaigns.
* No hospitality suites are permitted for the purpose of campaigning.
* Active campaigning may only take place outside the convention hall.
* Handouts of campaign material shall not happen in any sector meetings held at the convention location.
* All campaign materials including literature, buttons, etc. must be approved prior to distribution by the CUPE Nova Scotia Elections Committee.
* CUPE Nova Scotia Executive Board members will not wear candidate buttons at convention.

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# Convention Forum:

* Each candidate may address the convention forum at convention only.
* Speeches are limited to five minutes per candidate.
* There shall be a questions and answers session for candidates.
* Rules will be set by the Chief Electoral Officer or designate.

# CUPE Nova Scotia Elections Committee:

* There shall be three committee members appointed by the CUPE Nova Scotia Executive; two shall be the CUPE Nova Scotia Area VP’s not up for election and the third member shall also be from the CUPE Nova Scotia Executive and is not up for election. This appointment will be made 3 months prior to convention.
* They will be responsible for all inquiry related to elections.
* They will approve all campaign material prior to distribution on the convention floor.
* They will be provided with a copy of all CUPE Nova Scotia policies related to convention elections.
* They will work in partnership with the Chief Electoral Officer as necessary.

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