

UWSA BY-ELECTION

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The By-Election is where students can run for vacant positions that were not filled during the General Election. To run, you will need to fill out a nomination form and submit it to the Chief Elections Commissioner (CEC) before the end of the nomination period.

For more information, you can reach the CEC at cec@theuwsa.ca.

What is a UWSA director?

UWSA directors represent constituencies of students (such as Arts students, or LGBT* students) to UWSA committees and the Board of Directors. Directors help the union make decisions at every level, including managing finances, setting governance rules, and planning events and political campaigns. The Board of Directors meets monthly and UWSA Committees meet bi-weekly to monthly, depending on the committee.

What are the duties of a director? How much time am I expected to commit to?

UWSA directors attend monthly board meetings and are expected to sit on at least one committee of the board. Directors represent their constituencies and the student body by bringing forward new ideas, offering feedback on UWSA operations, holding staff and the executive accountable, and voting on business.

Is it a paid position?

Directors elected in the By-Election receive a \$250 honourarium.

What are the benefits of being a director?

Directors gain experience as a member of a non-profit board; have the opportunity to connect with student communities and voice their needs; make decisions that impact students and the university; and learn more about the student union, university governance, and lobbying government.

How long is a term?

The term begins once you are elected and expires on April 30th. Candidates can run for the same or a different position next year.

Can I run with a partner?

Two or more people holding one position is called a co-directorship. Co-directors split a single vote and share one honourarium. Candidates can also run for different positions as a slate. Slates may have no more than four candidates and must be approved by the CEC.

Who can run? Do I need any experience?

Candidates for election must be at least 18 years old, must be a student of the University of Winnipeg, and cannot hold the status of bankrupt. No prior experience with the student association is necessary!

How do I run? Do I have a budget?

You can pick up a nomination form online (theuwsa.ca), in the UWSA General Office (0R30), or the CEC's office (0RM03). You'll get a budget to help with your campaign, your budget amount will be announced at the All Candidates Meeting.

I have more questions. Who can I talk to?

You can check out our website at theuwsa.ca/elections, talk to a current Board of Director (theuwsa.ca/board-of-directors), attend a Board meeting, or e-mail the CEC at cec@theuwsa.ca.