

# Election Protocol for Candidates

Below is the protocol provided by the UAGMNE (Unit Annual General Meeting Nomination Election) Committee to be followed by all candidates during the election period.

## Section 1: Campaigning

1.1	Candidates shall not utilize TCDSB email distribution lists, equipment (including but not limited to printers/photocopiers), time and resources (including but not limited to inter-office mail/delivery) for campaigning.
1.2	Candidates may only utilize TCDSB mailboxes and staff room area for campaigning pending permission from the Board. No other property may be utilized for campaigning.
1.3	TSU Association Representatives are not required to assist candidates in conducting their campaign other than the directive provided by the UAGMNE Chair.
1.4	Prior to the election day, candidates shall have access to two email communications to the full TSU membership on the TSU distribution list. These two communications must be vetted through the Elections Chair.
1.5	Candidates shall not campaign during the school day exclusive of lunch time.
1.6	Candidates shall not use the TSU and/or OECTA logos on any campaign materials, including social media.

## Section 2: Social Media

2.1	Candidates shall adhere to TSU's Email Etiquette Policy when using e-mails.
2.2	Candidates shall adhere to TSU's Social Media Policy when using any form of social media platform.
2.3	Candidates are reminded of their obligations for professional conduct during a campaign. (Procedures 10, 3.10).
2.4	Candidates cannot use the following tags @tsuoecta or @OECTAProvincial for campaigning purposes.
2.5	Candidates are encouraged to use the social media hashtag(s) provided by the Chair at the Candidates guidelines meeting.

## Section 3: Day of UAGM

3.1	Candidates for the position of President will have up to five (5) minutes to give a platform speech at the UAGM.
3.2	Candidates for all other positions shall have up to three (3) minutes to give a platform speech at the UAGM.
3.3	The campaign speech and answers to questions posed by members at the UAGM for the election will be recorded and posted on the TSU website if agreed to by the candidate by signing a Media Release Form.
3.4	Campaign materials may be placed only on a designated location at the UAGM.
3.5	Only the UAGMNE committee can conduct any video or sound recordings at the UAGM.

## Section 4: Day of Election

4.1	A representative from OECTA shall be present at TSU as an observer on Election Day.
4.2	Candidates are entitled to have one scrutineer at TSU after 5 pm on Election Day.
4.3	Candidates providing a scrutineer shall provide the name in writing to the Elections Chair at least 48 hours prior to the election, should they choose to have one. This member shall report to the Elections Chair upon arrival on Election Day.

## Section 5: Results

5.1	Voting results for the elections shall be published by the Elections Chair on the Election tab in the member's section of the TSU website after the election is completed. Members will be informed of results by email to the TSU distribution list.
5.2	Election results shall respect the past practice of "first past the post" results.
5.3	A tie shall be decided as per TSU Bylaw 3.4.7 Procedure #4.

## Section 6: Concerns

6.1	All questions or concerns regarding the conduct of the campaign or election shall be directed to the Elections Chair in writing.
6.2	The Elections Chair shall be the arbiter of what constitutes a violation of the election protocols. Results shall be given to the member once a ruling has been made by the Elections Chair.
6.3	A challenge to the ruling of the Elections Chair shall be directed for further clarification to the OECTA General Secretary. Results of that ruling shall be given back to the member once a ruling has been made. The ruling made by the General Secretary is final.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) understand the Candidate Protocol of the Toronto Secondary Unit as presented. By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the protocol, attended the candidate meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ (print date), and agree to the terms outlined therein.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contested Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of UAGMNE Chair: \_\_\_\_\_