



# GUIDE TO ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Councillors elect the President, Vice-President and members-at-large of the STF Executive at each Annual Meeting of Council. Election results are shared when they become available. Councillors also make appointments to the Federation's Ethics and Practice Committee and Collective Interests Committee upon the recommendation of the Executive through a resolution to Council.

## NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

- A candidate for President, Vice-President and Executive member must be a member of Council.
- A member of the Executive who has served one year of a two-year term is eligible to run for President or Vice-President and, if elected, an election will be held to replace the member of the Executive for the unexpired portion of the term.
- Members of the Executive may not sit on the Professional Committee Panel for the duration of their term on the Executive.
- A call for nominations is sent to councillors in January of each year.
- Nomination forms are available online at the Federation website, [www.stf.sk.ca](http://www.stf.sk.ca) and must be signed by a councillor and by the nominee.
- Completed nomination forms must be filed with the Executive Director by noon on the third Monday in March to have the candidate's statement included in the *Elections and Candidate Statements Information* booklet. Candidate photos and biographical and platform statements (600 words for President, 300 words for Vice-President and Executive members-at-large) should be submitted at the time of nomination.
- Completed nomination forms may be filed with the Executive Director up to 9 a.m. on the opening day of the Annual Meeting of Council.
- Nominees for the Executive are expected to participate in the Candidates' Forum or Panel held at the Annual Meeting of Council.

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## Become an STF Executive Member!

All councillors are encouraged to run – the more choice and perspective present during elections, the stronger our democratic processes become. Deciding to run for Executive office is an important decision. Councillors are encouraged to speak to current office holders to understand the roles, responsibilities and time commitment required.

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## RELATED RESOURCES

- STF Policy 4.2 (Elections to Office)
- *Elections and Candidate Statements Information* booklet

## ELECTIONS TO OFFICES

### President

- Elected for two-year term and eligible for re-election.
- Requires leave to carry out the duties of President including chairing meetings.
- Remuneration is established in STF Policy 4.4 (General Financial Matters) Section 4.4.4.

### Vice-President

- Elected for two-year term and eligible for re-election.
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### Executive Members

- Elected for two-year term and eligible for re-election.
- A certain number of Executive member positions become available each year.
- Receive an honorarium as well as reimbursement of expenses incurred on Federation business.

## APPOINTMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES PANEL

### Ethics and Practice Committee Collective Interests Committee

- Appointed for three-year term to panel and eligible for re-appointment for one additional term.
- A certain number of committee panel positions become available each year.
- Interested teachers must submit an Applicant Declaration of Eligibility and be recommended by the STF Executive for appointment via resolutions put forward at the Annual Meeting of Council. The recruitment process begins each fall.

## MAKE IT MEANINGFUL

**Electing the Executive that guides the work of the Federation, on behalf of more than 13,500 teachers in Saskatchewan, is an important responsibility.** Making an effort to become more familiar with the candidates and fully participating in the election process is integral to representing the collective. Your participation in this process can be made more meaningful if you:

- **Learn about the candidates** by reading their statements included in the *Elections and Candidate Statements Information* booklet and asking questions at the Candidates' Forum or Panel.
- **Understand your options** as fully as possible before you cast your vote by interacting with councillor colleagues and learning about the roles and responsibilities of the offices, the current professional issues of importance to teachers, and the abilities and views of each of the candidates up for election.
- **Ask the Chief Election Official or a senior administrative staff member present at the Annual Meeting of Council** if you have any questions about how to participate in the balloting process or about election results.



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