

OFL Convention 2021 – Election Protocols

Relevant Sections of the OFL Constitution:

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 2. Each officer shall be a member in good standing of an affiliated organization.

Section 3. The full-time officers shall be elected by the convention every second year by a majority vote. Such election shall take place on the second day of the convention, unless otherwise determined by the convention.

Section 4. Election of full-time officers shall be by secret ballot. A majority of votes cast shall be required before any candidate can be declared elected, and second and subsequent ballots shall be taken if necessary to obtain such a majority. On the second and subsequent ballots the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in the previous ballot shall be dropped. In case of a final tie vote the presiding officer may cast the deciding vote.

Section 5. The election of each office shall be completed before nominations may be accepted for any subsequent office.

Election Protocols:

- The election of the Officers of the Federation will occur on Day 2 of the OFL Convention, Wednesday November 3, 2021.
- The election will occur as an **Order of the Day**, in the morning session of the convention agenda.
- **ORDER OF ELECTIONS:**
Voting will be conducted in the following order:
 - President
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - Executive Vice-President
- The election will be chaired by a designate of the Canadian Labour Congress.
- Any delegate in good standing (candidate) seeking full-time elected executive office can “run from the floor” of convention.
- Nomination papers are not required for candidates seeking office as President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Vice-President at the OFL Convention.
- As per Article V- Section 5, the Election Chair will call for nominations for the position of President.

- Nominators (and their candidates, if they so desire) will be given **3 minutes** to address the Convention when nominating a candidate for office.
- The full name(s) of the nominated candidate will be recorded and displayed before the Convention.
- Nominations will be declared closed.
- In reverse order of which they were nominated, Candidates will be given **2 minutes** to accept / decline their nomination for elected office.
- The Chair of the election will provide instruction to delegates on how to vote.
- Delegates will cast their vote (via the secured DOTS voting platform).
- A winner will be determined as per Article V- Section 4 of the OFL Constitution (above), and will be conveyed to the Election Chair.
- The winner of the election will be declared to the Convention floor, by the Election Chair.
- This process will then be repeated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Vice-President.
- Successful candidates will be sworn in on Thursday afternoon, November 4, 2021.

Other Matters related to OFL Convention 2021 Elections

Affiliate Caucuses:

- Affiliates are required to set-up and run their own caucuses, as they require them.
- This includes determining which virtual platform their caucus will occur on.

Candidate Promotion:

- As per OFL practice, the OFL is not responsible for any costs associated with candidate promotion.
- Any candidate seeking elected office is responsible for their own promotion.
- Candidates are encouraged to outreach to OFL affiliates requesting an invitation to any caucus meetings, or to provide any material for distribution for the purpose of candidate promotion.