



**Policy: Members-at-Large**

**Section: Elections**

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## **Policy Statements:**

### **1. Nominations**

- 1.1 Nominees for Members-at-Large must have been a member of the union for at least one year immediately prior to the election.
- 1.2 Verbal or written nominations are accepted. Nominees do not need to be present at the election provided a written acceptance of the nomination is submitted.
- 1.3 Nominees shall disclose to the delegates any known reason why they would be unable to fulfil the duties of the position.

### **2. Elections**

- 2.1 Members-at-Large are elected by the Regional Meeting delegates from their region.
- 2.2 All Regions elect at least two Members-at-Large and Alternates based on the entitlement prescribed by the Constitution.
- 2.3 Member-at-Large entitlement remains the same for the duration of the two-year term.
- 2.4 A region's Members-at-Large must be elected from at least two different chapters.
- 2.5 Each region elects one Member-at-Large to the Resolutions Committee.
- 2.6 Members-at-Large elected at Regional Meetings take office at the closure of the following Annual Convention.

### **3. Term**

- 3.1 Members-at-Large are elected for a two-year term.

3.2 Members-at-Large are elected to the Resolutions Committee for a two-year term.

#### **4. Member-at-Large Participation**

4.1 Members-at-Large are selected to participate:

- on standing and special committees;
- as a delegate to HSA Regional Meetings;
- as a delegate to the annual HSA Convention; and
- as a delegate to BC Federation of Labour conventions.

4.2 Members-at-Large selected to committees are expected to attend every meeting unless there is a compelling reason for missing a meeting.

4.3 The Member-at-Large elected to the Resolutions Committee is expected to attend the BC Federation of Labour's Policy and Constitutional Conventions.