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Have a say in your union

From awarding scholarships to HSA members and their family, to developing a political action strategy, your union has lots of opportunities for you to get involved.

This year, member-at-large elections will take place in even-numbered regions (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10).

Members-at-Large are elected by regional meeting delegates and begin their two-year term at the conclusion of the 2014 Annual Convention. Each region elects two or three members-at-large, plus two alternates.

Members-at-large are an important part of the union's governance structure, and have opportunities to meet people from around the province while getting to know the union better.

Members-at-large sit on the union's standing committees: Committee on Equality and Social Action, Education Committee, Occupational Health and Safety Committee, Political Action Committee, and Women's Committee. One member-at-large from each region is also elected to serve a two-year term on HSA's Resolutions Committee. Committee members are required to attend two to four committee meetings per year in the Lower Mainland. In addition to the committee meetings, members-at-large attend HSA's annual three-day convention held in April, the HSA meeting for their region in the fall, and the BC Federation of Labour biennial convention in November. The role of member-at-large is strictly a governance one, and there is rarely any other time commitment beyond attending the meetings. Any wages lost due to taking time off work, child care costs, and travel expenses are covered by the union.

If you are interested in running for member-at-large in your region, please contact your chief steward for a copy of the election policies and procedures, and member-at-large duties, or go here:

<http://www.hsabc.org/events/calendar> and click on the appropriate regional meeting. All eligible HSA members are encouraged to run for these important positions. You do not have to attend the regional meeting to run for member-at-large.

For more information, contact Miriam Sobrino at the HSA office.