District 21 T/OT Branch Election Policy 2023-2024

On the first day of school in September, a volunteer from the school will be appointed to be the Branch Election Officer. It is understood that the Branch Elections Officer is a teacher within the school who is not seeking a position on the school's OSSTF Branch Executive.

On the first working day of school in September, the District Office will send out an email to all members announcing that the nomination period for Branch Elections is open and will close at the end of the school day on the Wednesday following Labour Day. The positions up for election and the basic responsibilities of each will be included in the all-member email. Please note that, in accordance with our T/OT Constitution, no one person can hold the position of Branch President and Deputy Branch President and no one person can hold more than 2 positions (without obtaining the prior permission of the Teachers' Council).

Candidates must notify the Branch Election Officer, in writing or non-Board email, of their intent to run for a particular position(s) within the nomination period. The Branch Election officer's non-Board email will also be posted in the staff room.

After the nomination period closes, the Branch Election Officer will notify members of any contested and uncontested positions. The Branch Election Officer will then arrange with the candidates a date for speeches and elections, prior to the second working Thursday in September, which will be shared out to the membership. The Branch Election Officer will preside over the speeches and election. Scrutineers can assist with the counting of ballots.

The results will be shared with the worksite's staff and emailed to the District Office (district21@osstf21.ca) as soon as possible.

Note: In keeping with Provincial and District 21 practices, all OSSTF meetings and events, including branch elections, will operate with OSSTF's Anti-harassment policy in effect, including the appointment of an anti-harassment officer at said meeting(s).