

NOMINATION FORM

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To nominate a member to the Executive Committee, please fill out this form and return it to the BCNU office no later than 5:00 PM (PST) on May 22, 2015. Attention Marco Gnoato, Chair, BCNU Nominations Committee or email to marcognoato@bcnu.org. NOTE: The term of office will end August 31, 2017.

REGION _____

POSITION: EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR (HEALTH AND SAFETY)

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ (FAX) _____

Email: _____ *(by providing this email contact, you acknowledge that it may be used for union business).*

Place of Employment: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY FOUR CURRENT MEMBERS OF BCNU

1.	_____	_____
	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	WORKSITE (PLEASE PRINT)
	_____	_____
	SIGNATURE	
2.	_____	_____
	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	WORKSITE (PLEASE PRINT)
	_____	_____
	SIGNATURE	
3.	_____	_____
	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	WORKSITE (PLEASE PRINT)
	_____	_____
	SIGNATURE	
4.	_____	_____
	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	WORKSITE (PLEASE PRINT)
	_____	_____
	SIGNATURE	

CONSENT

I, _____, consent to allow my name to stand for the office of _____ of the BC Nurses' Union.

SIGNATURE: _____

Please ensure your biographical Sketch and Statement of Objectives are no longer than 250 words combined.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

DECLARATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in my biographical sketch is true and correct. During my campaign, and if elected, I shall abide by the provisions of the current BCNU Constitution and Bylaws and all relevant union polices. I have read and will abide by the provincial candidate campaign guidelines. I understand that candidates found to be in violation of these guidelines may be asked to withdraw from the election or be declared invalid by the provincial nominations committee.

NOTE

Please submit a high resolution photo (head and shoulders shot), appropriate for reproduction in a magazine, to marcognoato@bcnu.org. Suitable image file formats include jpeg, pdf, and tiff.

NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ (FAX) _____

GUIDELINES

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

CANDIDATES FOR PROVINCIALY ELECTED POSITIONS IN THE BCNU IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY

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Article 4.08 - (a) Any vacancy occurring in any elected office, except the President's, with more than one year remaining of the term, shall be filled by having a special election. The person elected in the special election shall take office right after the election. Vacancies of less than one year shall be filled by Council for the balance of the term.

INTRODUCTION

Among other things, Bylaw 4.04 gives the Nominations Committee the duty to:

- Rule on the eligibility of all candidates for elected office and membership on Council,
- Conduct and oversee the election and report the results of the election to the president
- Receive complaints from union members with regard to an election process
- Investigate, resolve and remedy complaints.

Candidates must comply with the BCNU Constitution and Bylaws, any local union Bylaws, relevant union policies, the collective agreement, labour legislation, and any other relevant legislation.

Candidates must not do anything which jeopardizes, or is detrimental to the welfare of the union.

Candidates must uphold the mission and core values of the BCNU.

REFERENCES

Policy 2.1.8 (Members Running for BCNU & Prof. Assoc. Elected Positions)

Policy 4.6.1 (Code of Conduct for Council Members)

Policy 5.1.3 (Candidate Campaign Funding) – applies to candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Councillor

Constitution and Bylaws – In particular, Articles 3, 4, 5, 9, and 24.

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must fulfill all requirements under the BCNU Constitution and Bylaws

Candidates must be BCNU members in good standing.

Conduct

Candidates, like all BCNU members, must comply with the BCNU Constitution and Bylaws, any local union bylaws, relevant union policies, the collective agreement, labour legislation, and any other relevant legislation.

Candidates, like all BCNU members, must not do anything which jeopardizes, or is detrimental to the welfare of the union.

Candidates must uphold the mission and core values of the BCNU.

Consistent with these obligations:

- Candidates must act honestly and with integrity
- Candidates must ensure that their campaigns and campaign materials are accurate and not misleading
- Candidates must not interfere with the campaigns or campaign materials of another candidate
- Candidates must not make statements or take actions that are unduly personal or malicious.

Candidates are responsible for the actions of their campaign and for their campaign materials and must ensure compliance with these guidelines.

Candidates must not allow staff to be used to promote or assist with any aspect of their campaign.

Length of the campaign

The campaign period for by-elections commences upon submission of nomination forms in the year of the election and ends at the end of the voting period for the election.

Candidates must not begin campaigning before the commencement of the campaign period.

Campaigning constitutes circulating published, printed or electronic (email, Facebook, twitter, websites or other social media) materials related to the election.

Campaign Materials

Campaign materials must be approved by the Nominations Committee (via the chair). In order to be approved:

- Campaign materials must be factual and non-defamatory

- Campaign materials must not be inappropriate, offensive, or misrepresent the candidate. For example, materials containing racist or sexist content would be found to be inappropriate and offensive
- Candidates must provide reasonable verification of any facts contained in their campaign materials to the Nomination Committee if requested
- Candidates must have express permission from any person who is depicted or named in their campaign materials.

After approval by the Nominations Committee, BCNU will print and/or distribute campaign materials on behalf of candidates in accordance with Policy 5.1.3 (Elected Officers only) and Policy 2.1.8.

All material printed, distributed, or published by the BCNU will include the following disclaimer:

The views, opinions and information, express or implicit, in these statements were provided and approved solely by the candidates and should not be construed as those of the British Columbia Nurses' Union and/or its elected officers and representatives.

Budget

Candidates must comply with Policy 5.1.3 (Candidate Campaign Funding)

The policy provides that “total campaign costs cannot exceed \$3000”. This means that the total cost of a candidate’s campaign cannot exceed this amount, including both monetary donations and “in kind” donations of goods or services. For example, the donation of a hotel room or services such as web design must be included within the limit.

Candidates must submit original receipts to the Finance Department and photocopies to the chair of the Nominations Committee within 30 days of incurring the expense.

Contact with the Nominations Committee

Candidates who wish to contact the Nomination Committee should contact the chair of the Committee. Please do not contact other members of the committee directly. Email nominations chair:

Marco Gnoato @ marcognoato@BCNU.org