



2023 OFFICER ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to properly conduct business in the Engineers & Architects Association (EAA), members serve in all elective offices. In accordance with the EAA Constitution and By-Laws, an election will be held for Governors and Unit Council Members.

Voting will open at **9AM on October 9, 2023** and close at **12PM on October 30, 2023**. To be eligible to vote, members must be dues-paying members in good standing or have submitted a [Membership Signup Form](#) by **12PM on October 2, 2023**.

EAA ELECTIONS

The Election Committee oversees and administers EAA elections. Candidates seeking information regarding the policies and procedures should review the Election Manual. Questions from members and prospective candidates should be referred to the Election Committee at electioncommittee@eaunion.org.

Any EAA dues-paying member in good standing may petition to run for Unit Governor, At-Large Governor, or Unit Council Member by submitting a petition signed by ten (10) EAA dues-paying members in good standing. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that the signatures submitted are those of dues-paying members in good standing and from the relevant Unit when running for Unit Governor or Unit Council. (Per Election Manual Chapter V, Section 2 Election Petition, electronic and/or digital signatures are accepted). Candidates are encouraged to gather more than ten (10) signatures in the event that one or more signatures is invalid. In order to be eligible to run for elected office, a candidate's name must appear as a dues-paying member of EAA, in good standing, by **August 31, 2023**.

All Election Petitions, Candidate Statements and photos must be received by 5PM on September 29, 2023. Candidates are encouraged, but not required to submit a Candidate Statement and photograph, along with their Election Petition, which will be published on eaunion.org and appear on the ballot. Upon verification of the signatures on the Election Petition, the Election Committee will notify the candidates of their eligibility to run for the position. Successful candidates are invited to speak with members in attendance at the **October 11, 2023 Board of Governor's Meeting**. Successful candidates for all open positions are elected for specific terms, as listed.



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GOVERNOR

A Governor is responsible for the governance of the EAA's business, fiscal affairs, and for determining policy. A Governor is required to attend regular and special Board of Governors (BOG) meetings. It is recommended that anyone applying for Governor be an experienced EAA member, who has served a minimum of two (2) years as a Unit Council Member or Steward.

Unit Governors are the governing leaders of their Bargaining Unit (MOU) and Chairperson of their Unit Council. They are responsible for the Unit functions and are the liaison between the Unit, the BOG and Staff.

At-Large Governors are elected by all dues-paying members. At-Large Governors do not lead a Bargaining Unit.

UNIT COUNCIL MEMBER

Each Unit Council represents its respective Bargaining Unit (MOU). It is recommended that anyone applying for Unit Council has experience as a Union Steward or Committee member.

Unit Council Members are the liaison between Unit members, the Unit Governor and Staff regarding issues affecting the Unit, as well as receiving and preparing proposals for MOU negotiations. Unit Council Members may also participate in collective bargaining sessions.

OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS 2023

GOVERNORS:

MOU 19	David Sommers	3 year term	Expires 2026
MOU 21	Zaw Tun	1 year term	Expires 2024
At Large	Jackie Cornejo	3 year term	Expires 2026
At Large	Betty Barberena	1 year term	Expires 2024

Note: Governor terms vary in accordance with the procedures outlined in EAA Election Manual Chapter IV, Section 5 Terms of Office.

UNIT COUNCIL MEMBERS (NOT INCLUDING UNIT GOVERNOR SEATS):

MOU 19	3 seats	Renata Dragland, Kiran Rishi and One (1) vacant seat
MOU 21	3 seats	Joshua Fogelson and Two (2) vacant seats

Note: Unit Council Members all serve three-year terms in accordance with EAA By-Law V.3



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ELECTION PROTESTS

The EAA Election Committee will consider protests submitted per the procedures outlined in EAA Election Manual Chapter III, Section 3 Election Protest & Ballot Review Procedures.

ELECTION TIMELINE

08-31-23	Election Announcement (Protest Period Opens)
09-13-23 at 9AM	Nomination Period Opens *
09-29-23 at 5PM	Nomination Period Closes **
10-04-23	Notification to Candidates of Petition Status
10-09-23 at 9AM	Voting Opens
10-30-23 at 12PM	Voting Closes
10-31-23	Election Day
11-02-23	Protest Period Closes

* Petitions will only be accepted during the Nomination period, but signatures can be collected prior to the opening of the Nomination period.

** Candidates are encouraged, but not required to submit a Candidate Statement and photograph, along with their Election Petition, which will be published on the EAA website, if the Election Petition is successful. **All Election Petitions, Candidate Statements and photos must be submitted to the Election Committee at electioncommittee@eaunion.org by the date the nomination period closes.** Upon verification of the signatures on the Election Petition, the Election Committee will notify the candidates of their eligibility to run for the position.

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