



# ELECTION CALL

Between **November 22 and November 29, 2013**, members will elect a President, Treasurer, RVP's and Trustees.

## ***Officer & Trustee positions:***

President  
Treasurer  
Trustees (3) – one, 3 year; one, 2 year; one, 1 year term;

*Elected by a vote of the full membership*

## ***Regional Vice-President positions:***

Region 1 – BRITISH COLUMBIA

Region 2 – ALBERTA

Region 3 – SASKATCHEWAN

Region 4 – MANITOBA

Region 5A – ONTARIO AREA

Region 5B – ONTARIO REGIONAL OFFICE

Region 6 – NATIONAL OFFICE

In accordance with approved bylaws - "three (3) Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected to service National Office. The elected representatives shall determine the department they will service, as defined below, after the election."

Region 7 – MARITIMES

Region 8 - ATLANTIC

*Elected by, and from, their Regional membership*

Nominations must be submitted to the Returning Officer by 4 P.M. on November 8, 2013, on the day nominations close.

Nomination forms shall be accepted for one (1) office only.

To be eligible for Table Officer or Trustee Nomination and election, a member must be in continuous good standing for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to date of nomination.

To be eligible for Regional Vice-President Nomination and election, a member must be part of the region holding elections and be in continuous good standing for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to date of nomination.

No nomination shall be accepted unless the member nominating has signed the nomination form and the member nominated has indicated on the form, or by other means, their willingness to stand for office.

A list of candidates for office will be posted on the Local union website as they are received.

After the closing of nominations all duly nominated candidates will be extended an opportunity to have a maximum of one (1) article included in the electronic voting system, and posted on the Local union website.

The article may reference candidate websites but shall not contain any active links to external websites.

Fran Robertson will serve as Returning Officer during the election. Voting will be conducted using electronic voting over seven days.

Your participation as a candidate or as an informed voter in union elections is crucial because those you elect will help administer the affairs of the Union.

Personal email addresses should be received by Fran Robertson via your RVP no later than November 15, 2013 in order to ensure receipt of ballots.

In Solidarity,



President, COPE Local 491

### ***Campaign Rules***

Campaigning cannot occur during work time.

Use of the employer's voice mail or email to circulate election material is not permitted.

Candidates are asked to conduct themselves with dignity at all times.

Any behaviour or material that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment will not be tolerated.

Each duly nominated candidate may submit a maximum of one (1) article to be published on the Local union website and included in the electronic voting system. Website posting of articles begin November 12, 2013.

Fran Robertson,  
Returning Officer, COPE Local 491

### **Dates to Remember**

**November 8, 2013, 4 P.M.**

**Nominations close**

**November 12, 2013 -**

**Website posting of Articles**

**Begins**

**Nov. 15, 2013, personal  
email address deadline**

**Nov. 22 to Nov. 29, 2013 -  
VOTE**