

# **Election Process for January 28, 2023 Membership Assembly Elections – Summary**

*(See the OPEIU Local 8 Constitution and Bylaws for the complete terms.)*

## **1) Nominations for Recording Secretary.**

This Officer position is at large and shall be nominated and elected by the general membership. This position will complete a 3-year term until January 2025.

**Eligibility:** Members must be in continuous good standing for at least 12 months prior to an election for any officer position.

**Nomination Process:** Nominees must be in attendance at the meeting where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration must be presented before the close of nominations and must be in the form of a hard copy email or other written material that clearly identifies the nominee and includes a date. Text messages and emails from an electronic device without a written hard copy provided will not be accepted. Self-nominations are allowed. Nominations do not need a second. Nominations will be called for a total of 3 times before closing nominations.

**Election Process:** In accordance with the Local 8 Constitution and By-laws, an election, if necessary, shall be by mail ballot and the ballots will be tallied at a time designated by the Election Committee.

**Candidate Statements:** Candidates will be introduced to the Membership but shall not be allowed to make a speech from the floor. In a contested election, candidates will be allowed to make a statement in the Local 8 newsletter which will be mailed and emailed prior to the election.

## **2) Nominations for 1 Central Regional Executive Board Member; Nominations for 1 East Regional Executive Board Member; Nominations for 1 North Regional Executive Board Member; and Nominations for 1 South/West Regional Executive Board Member.**

The Regional Executive Board Members shall be nominated and elected only by those members who reside in the same region as the Regional Executive Board Members or Alternates.

The 4 Regions are described below as defined in Section 1(c) of Article 14 of the Local 8 Constitution and By-laws:

**CENTRAL:** Martin Luther King Jr. County.

**EAST REGION:** All other Washington State counties not listed.

**NORTH REGION:** Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan and Island Counties.

**SOUTH/WEST REGION:** Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Gray's Harbor, Thurston, Pierce, Pacific, Lewis, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania Counties.

Members who reside outside of Washington State shall be included in the 4 Regions as follows: Members who reside in Hood River County, Oregon and all Oregon counties west shall be part of the South/West Region. Members who reside in Oregon counties east of Hood River County, Idaho and all other States shall be part of the East Region.

**3) Nominations and election of one (1) Trustee position to complete a three-year term until September 2025.**

The Trustee is an at-large position and shall be nominated and voted on by the entire Local 8 Membership at the January Membership Assembly. There is currently one (1) Trustee position to fill for a 3-year term in accordance with Article 14 Section 5 of the Local 8 Constitution and By-laws.

**Eligibility:** Members must be in continuous good standing for at least twelve (12) months prior to an election for any officer position (the position above).

**Nomination Process:** Nominees must be in attendance at the meeting where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration must be presented before the close of nominations and must be in the form of a hard copy email or other written material that clearly identifies the nominee and includes a date. Text messages and emails from an electronic device without a written hard copy provided will not be accepted. Self-nominations will be allowed. Nominations will not need a second.

**Election Process:** A secret ballot election will take place at the January 28, 2023 Membership Assembly for any contested Trustee position.

**Candidate Statements:** Candidates will have an opportunity, at the end of the nomination process, to speak for one minute.

**4) Nominations and Election of 4 Delegates and 5 Alternates to the OPEIU International Convention.**

In addition to the Business Manager, Local 8 will elect 4 Delegates to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> OPEIU International Convention in Philadelphia, Saturday, June 10 – Friday, June 16, 2023.

**Eligibility:** Nominees must be in continuous good standing for at least 12 months prior to this election.

**Nomination Process:** Nominees must be in attendance at the meeting where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration must be presented before the close of nominations and must be in the form of a hard copy email or other written material that clearly identifies the nominee and includes a date. Text messages and emails from an electronic device without written hard copy provided will not be accepted. Self-nominations are allowed. Nominations do not need a second.

**Election Process:** A secret ballot election will take place at the January 28, 2023 Membership Assembly for any contested Delegate positions.

**Candidate Statements:** Candidates will have an opportunity, at the end of the nomination process, to speak for one minute.

**5) Nominations and Election of Delegates to All Central Labor Councils until January 2025.**

Per Local 8's Constitution and By-laws, all Central Labor Council Delegate positions are open at the January Assembly in odd-numbered years. The number of positions and where and when the Labor Councils meet are included in the Assembly packets.

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**Alternates:** Alternates will be those who do not get elected as Delegates in the order of highest vote. There are not specific “alternate” positions open but can be designated if more are nominated than there are positions.

**Eligibility:** Nominees must be in continuous good standing for at least 6 months prior to an election for any Delegate position. The Business Manager is an automatic Delegate to the Martin Luther King County Labor Council.

**Nomination Process:** Nominees must be in attendance at the meeting where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration must be presented before the close of nominations and must be in the form of a hard copy email or other written material that clearly identifies the nominee and includes a date. Text messages and emails from an electronic device without written hard copy provided will not be accepted. Self-nominations are allowed. Nominations do not need a second.

**Election Process:** A secret ballot election will take place at the January 28, 2023 Membership Assembly for any contested CLC Delegate positions.

**Candidate Statements:** Candidates will have an opportunity, at the end of the nomination process, to speak for one minute.