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# Have a say in your union

From awarding scholarships to HSA members and their family, to developing a political action strategy, your union has lots of opportunities for you to get involved.

This year, member-at-large elections will take place in odd-numbered regions (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9).

Members-at-large are an important part of the union's governance structure, and have opportunities to meet people from around the province, while getting to know the union better.

Members-at-large are elected by regional meeting delegates and begin their two-year term at the conclusion of the 2019 Annual Convention. Each region elects two to four members-at-large, plus two alternates.

Members-at-large sit on the union's standing committees: Committee on Equality and Social Action, Education, Occupational Health and Safety, Political Action, and Women's. One member-at-large from each region is also elected to serve a two-year term on HSA's Resolutions Committee. Committee members are required to attend two to four committee meetings per year in the Lower Mainland. In addition to the committee meetings, members-at-large are expected to attend HSA's annual three-day convention held in April-May, and the annual regional meeting in the fall. The role of member-at-large is strictly a governance one, and while there is rarely any other time commitment beyond attending the meetings, members-at-large have a leadership role in the union and are encouraged to participate in solidarity events with other unions and allies, and to represent the union at events and functions. Any wages lost due to taking time off work, child care costs, and travel expenses related to committee meetings or other official HSA business are covered by the union.

If you are interested in running for member-at-large in your region, please contact your chief steward for a copy of the election policies and procedures, and member-at-large duties, or go here: [2018 Regional Meetings](#) and click on the appropriate regional meeting. All eligible HSA members are encouraged to run for these important positions. You do not have to attend the regional meeting to run for member-at-large.

For more information, contact [Miriam Sobrino](#) at the HSA office.