



NASA

By-Election Information

Message from the NASA Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Laura Ortegon-Rico

Dear NASA Member,

For the **November By-Election:**

The candidates for **Grievance Chair** are:

Adam Akkari

Mathew Pare

Since the position of Grievance Chair is contested, the NASA membership needs to vote in an election. I encourage you to be informed – read the enclosed biographies for the candidates and attend the Candidates' Forum.

Candidates' Forum: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration is required. [Click here to register your attendance.](#)

Ask your questions and voice your concerns. Then be ready to exercise your vote for the candidate of your choice. The Forum will be recorded and made available on the [NASA website](#). You can submit questions ahead of time to nasa@nasaunion.ca, or ask your questions live at the Forum.

Voting opens at 8:30am on Wednesday, November 5 and closes at noon on Wednesday, November 12.



Voting Information

**Voting is open from
Wednesday, Nov 5 at 8:30 a.m. to
Wednesday, Nov 12 at 12:00 p.m.**



- Go to the NASA website: www.nasaunion.ca
- Login with your CCID
- Click the "Vote Now" button on the top left hand side of the page
- You will be taken to the election page where you can cast your vote

I would like to thank the members who showed their support of NASA by nominating their colleagues to these positions.

Your CEO, Laura Ortegon-Rico

Adam Akkari
for
Grievance Chair

Dear NASA,

I have worked for the University of Alberta's Parking Services as a Parking Compliance Officer for over 17 years. I have served on the NASA Grievance Committee as vice-chair as well as a Union steward for several years. I have been sitting on the NASA Executive Board as the Acting Grievance Chair for several months now. During this time, I had the honor to chair the Grievance Committee. I had the pleasure of attending and being acquainted with the NASA Executive Board onboarding process. My stint on the Executive Board was served as a non voting member. I would love the opportunity to make my vote count! I am very passionate about labour relations and will ensure that the Association fulfills its duty of fair representation. Make your vote count as well! Vote for me, and you won't regret it! I am a strong and reliable candidate with years of proven loyalty. I am looking forward to serving you further. Always.

Sincerely,
Adam Akkari



Matthew Pare

for

Grievance Chair

The Story of Matt Pare

Born among the mountains and coastal beauty of British Columbia, Matt Pare's story began with a sense of adventure already in his heart. When his family moved to Edmonton at the age of six, that spirit only grew stronger. The city quickly became home — a place where he'd learn the value of teamwork, leadership, and perseverance.

From an early age, Matt was more than just a teammate; he was a leader. Whether captaining on the field or motivating others in the locker room, he found purpose in bringing people together and pushing them toward their best. Sports didn't just teach him how to win — they taught him how to lead, how to overcome setbacks, and how to believe in something bigger than himself.

Years later, that same mindset carried into his career. Joining the University marked a new chapter — one where his calm confidence and quick thinking would make a lasting impact. During his first year, Matt was recognized by the University President for saving a member of the public in a moment of crisis. It was an act that perfectly reflected who he's always been: someone who steps up when it matters most.

At home, Matt finds his greatest sense of balance and fulfillment. Life with his fiancée, his stepson, and their cats is full of laughter, love, and purpose. He believes family isn't just part of life — it's the center of it. Balancing work and home has become one of his guiding principles, and he approaches both with the same philosophy: give your best effort, no matter what you're doing.

When he's not working, you'll often find Matt surrounded by friends and family, cheering at a hockey game or singing along at a concert — moments that remind him of what truly matters.

His story is one of quiet strength and unwavering character — a life built not just on hard work, but on heart. Through every chapter, Matt continues to prove that leadership isn't about titles or recognition. It's about effort, compassion, and showing up — for your team, your family, and your community.

