



NASA

Election Information

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

Dear NASA Member,

For the **September by-election of NASA Executive Board members:**

The candidate for **PAC Chair** is:

Fairfax Culpepper

The candidates for **Membership Services Chair** are:

Scott Evans

Christianne Ussher

As per the [Election of Executive Officers Policy](#) passed by NASA members at the 2024 NASA Fall General Meeting, since the position of PAC Chair is uncontested **no vote will be required and Fairfax Culpepper is declared elected by acclamation**. She will assume the role of PAC Chair effective immediately.

Since the position of Membership Services 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: Friday, September 12, 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, September 17 and closes at noon on Wednesday, September 24.



Voting Information

**Voting is open from
Wednesday, Sep 17 at 8:30 a.m. to
Wednesday, Sep 24 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

Fairfax Culpepper

for

Political Action & Member Education Committee (PAC) Chair

I work in the Library as a Cataloguer and have been at the University since 2015. While I am new to the Political Action and Member Education Committee, I have been involved with the Member Action Team since its inception in 2021 and served on the Bargaining Team this last round of negotiations. My previous union experience includes having been a shop steward at a Starbucks during a period of job action, as well, I was part of a successful strike action at the community college I worked at prior to coming to the U of A. and, also before moving to Edmonton, I was involved with a political education group in B.C. that organized various labour and worker solidarity events and speakers. Additionally, I currently volunteer with the Greater Edmonton Library Association's Prison Libraries Project which provides library resources and programming to incarcerated persons, work that is beneficial in keeping people connected to the community they will eventually be expected to reintegrate into.



As chair of the Political Action and Member Education Committee, I would prioritise the continuation of the current work and projects of the committee. I recognize that I would be stepping onto the committee half way through the committee's term and I would like to build on the work already being done. My goal for the coming year is to increase member engagement and member involvement in our union as I believe member participation and ownership are key to a healthy, democratic union. If elected, this is the focus I would aspire to bring to the committee as well as the executive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Evans
for
Membership Services Committee Chair

Hello Nasa members my name is Scott Evans. I have been with the U of A for 11 years working in electrical utilities. I am writing the NASA membership to inform you that I wish to run for membership service chair. My experience within NASA include being in the MAT group and on the bargaining team. I hope to bring new ideas to the membership service committee and to the executive board. If you have any questions or would like to meet up please email me swevans@ualberta.ca. Please vote. Cheers

Christianne Ussher

for

Membership Services Committee Chair



Personal Bio – Interest in Membership Services Chair Position

I began my career with the Department of Chemistry as a Computer Analyst/Jr. Network Administrator. When I was asked back then where I saw myself in five years, I may not have had a clear answer — but that question sparked a journey of over 24 years of service and growth across departments. I spent more than six years with Chemistry, followed by another six in a more senior IT role within the Faculty of Education. During the period of consolidation, I transitioned from a faculty-based position to Central AICT (now IST), where I've spent the past twelve years continuing my commitment to frontline IT support and service delivery.

Throughout my career, I've always believed in the value of connection — not just through technology, but in the relationships we build as colleagues within a shared and diverse community. I make it a point to greet people by name, start conversations (even with those I don't know), and lead with positivity. It's important to me that people feel seen, heard, and supported.

While my professional background is rooted in IT, I'm a strong believer in the importance of a vibrant and engaged union. I've supported our union in various ways — from helping with pancake breakfasts and social events to ensuring the tech runs smoothly during meetings — and I'm now ready to take on a more active role by stepping into this position.

With many years of customer service and frontline engagement — including recognition through both individual and team awards — I bring a people-first approach that aligns well with the responsibilities of the Membership Services Chair.

I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute ideas, strengthen member connections, and help grow and support our union community.