

**Deadline is 4:00 pm,  
Wednesday, May 20, 2026.**

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

## Local Standing Committees

April 17, 2026

One organizational task in planning for the coming year is to elect members to the Standing Committees of the Local. Standing Committee members are elected in the spring to terms mirroring the Executive Committee, so they are ready to start their work in the fall. Generally, committees meet once per month (September through June) after school.

Active members of the Local are eligible to serve on any of the standing committees. *Keeping work-life balance in mind, members are encouraged to volunteer for only one committee each term.* A brief description of the committee responsibilities is included in this package.

### **Make a Difference!**

The Local is all of us and is successful to the extent that we each contribute our talents. Please seriously consider volunteering your services to one of these committees. **Questions?** Contact the Local office!

The committees seeking volunteers to serve a two-year term (2026-2028) are as follows:

1. **Communications Committee** (six **(6)** members elected by COR + the Vice President Communications elected by Local membership serving as Chair)
2. **Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee** (six **(6)** members selected by application to the Executive Committee + Chair elected by Local membership)
3. **Donations Committee** (five **(5)** members elected by COR + Vice President Finance elected by Local membership serving as Chair) (*Approx. two meetings per year.*)
4. **Finance Committee** (five **(5)** members elected by COR + Vice President Finance elected by Local membership serving as Chair, + Local Executive Staff Officer)
5. **Member Wellness Committee** (eight **(8)** members elected by COR + Chair elected by Local membership)
6. **Political Engagement Committee** (seven **(7)** members elected by COR + Vice President Political Engagement elected by Local membership serving as Chair)
7. **Professional Development Committee** (eight **(8)** members elected by COR + Chair elected by Local membership)
8. **Substitute Teachers' Committee** (six **(6)** members elected the May General Meeting of the Substitute Teachers + Chair elected by substitute teachers with the election of the Executive Committee of the Local)
9. **Women in Leadership, Mentorship and Advocacy (WILMA) Ad Hoc Committee** (seven **(7)** members who identify as female selected by application process to the Executive Committee consisting of four (4) members-at-large, two (2) representatives who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, plus the Chair, who is a member of and selected by the Executive Committee)

**To volunteer, please submit the attached volunteer/nomination form to [info@edpub.org](mailto:info@edpub.org) no later than 4:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026.**

## STANDING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** is responsible for developing Local communications promoting member engagement and leadership development; developing Local online communications for members to keep them informed about upcoming Local events and activities; engaging members through various media; and liaising with other standing committees when needed to promote activities and events.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS (DEHR) COMMITTEE** is responsible for studying and advising through Executive, on matters of concern to Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 and the Alberta Teachers Association related to diversity, equity and human rights issues in education; studying and advising on matters of concern to the Local/ATA related to diversity, equity, and human rights issues in education; making recommendations for coordinating with the work of the Local/ATA related to diversity, equity, and human rights initiatives; maintaining liaison with the other Local standing committees, ATA, Edmonton Public Schools, and school representatives; facilitating action by Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37; planning, organizing and facilitating activities and events related to diversity, equity, and human rights issues; and is responsible for the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) - a safe space for all members and approved guests. *The DEHR Committee is selected by the Executive Committee in June.*

**DONATIONS COMMITTEE** is responsible for reviewing requests from various charitable organizations and administering the annual disbursements from the Edmonton Public Teachers' Charity Trust Fund to those agencies. The Fund is accumulated through voluntary payroll deductions and bequests, and in 2025-26 amounted to approximately \$92,000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** is responsible for acting in an advisory capacity to the Executive, Council and General Assemblies on matters related to the finances of the Local and the budgets of the ATA and GETCA; recommending policies and procedures for control of the Local's finances; monitoring the financial dealings of the Local on a regular basis; overseeing the investment of Local funds in accordance with the advice of an investment advisor; preparing the Local's draft annual Budget for presentation, through Executive, to Council for approval; and preparing recommendations to Council on all proposed expenditures additional to those covered in the approved budget.

**MEMBER WELLNESS COMMITTEE** is responsible for planning, organizing and facilitating events to support the Local's community engagement; planning, organizing and facilitating seminars/information sessions on self-improvement, teacher wellness and mental health; overseeing the operation of the Members' Benefit Fund; liaising and monitoring the activities of the Extended Disability Peer Support Group; planning, organizing and facilitating events and activities of the Local which includes assisting with the New Teacher Induction Ceremony and Retiring Teachers' Banquet.

**POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** is responsible for establishing, participating in and expanding the Local's active network of politically involved and engaged members; mobilizing members to respond to emergent political situations; encouraging ongoing political engagement; and assisting with capacity building and training in citizen engagement.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** is responsible for planning, organizing, and facilitating PD activities based on the professional development needs of the membership; maintaining liaisons with the ATA, Edmonton Public Schools, GETCA, the Edmonton Regional Consortium, and other agencies offering PD programs; and providing leadership within the Local structure regarding professional development issues.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS' COMMITTEE** is responsible for representing the interests of substitute teachers; planning and convening the substitute teachers' General Meetings; preparing and presenting submissions to the Teacher Welfare Committee; and promoting the professional development of substitute teachers. *The Substitute Teachers' Committee is elected at the May General Meeting.*

**WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP AND ADVOCACY (WILMA) AD HOC COMMITTEE** is responsible for promoting gender equality and women's participation in all aspects of a member's employment and Local/Association life; studying, investigating and making recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters affecting women in/into leadership within public education and Edmonton; exploring opportunities for Mentorship; reviewing relevant Association policy and submitting recommendations to the Local's ARA Steering Committee; and planning, organizing and facilitating activities or events promoting women in positions of leadership. *The WILMA Ad Hoc Committee is selected by the Executive Committee in June.*



# **VOLUNTEER/NOMINATION FORM** **2026-2028 Local Standing Committees**

Forward volunteer/nomination forms, biographies and photos by e-mail to the Local's office at [info@edpub.org](mailto:info@edpub.org).

Forms, biographies and photos must be received by the Local's office no later than **4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2026**.

NAME OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be provided)

COMMITTEE: 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a short biography (no more than 250 words) highlighting your abilities and experience for our website and to distribute to our representatives in the event of an election. Also attach a small digital photo.

*By signing below, I agree that I volunteer/accept nomination to serve as an Edmonton Public Local Standing Committee Representative for the 2026-2028 term, and grant permission to the Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 of the Alberta Teachers' Association to photograph me in the course of my participation in the Local, and to use my name and any photographs of me for Local purposes in any media and territory in perpetuity.*

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Candidate's Signature

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Date