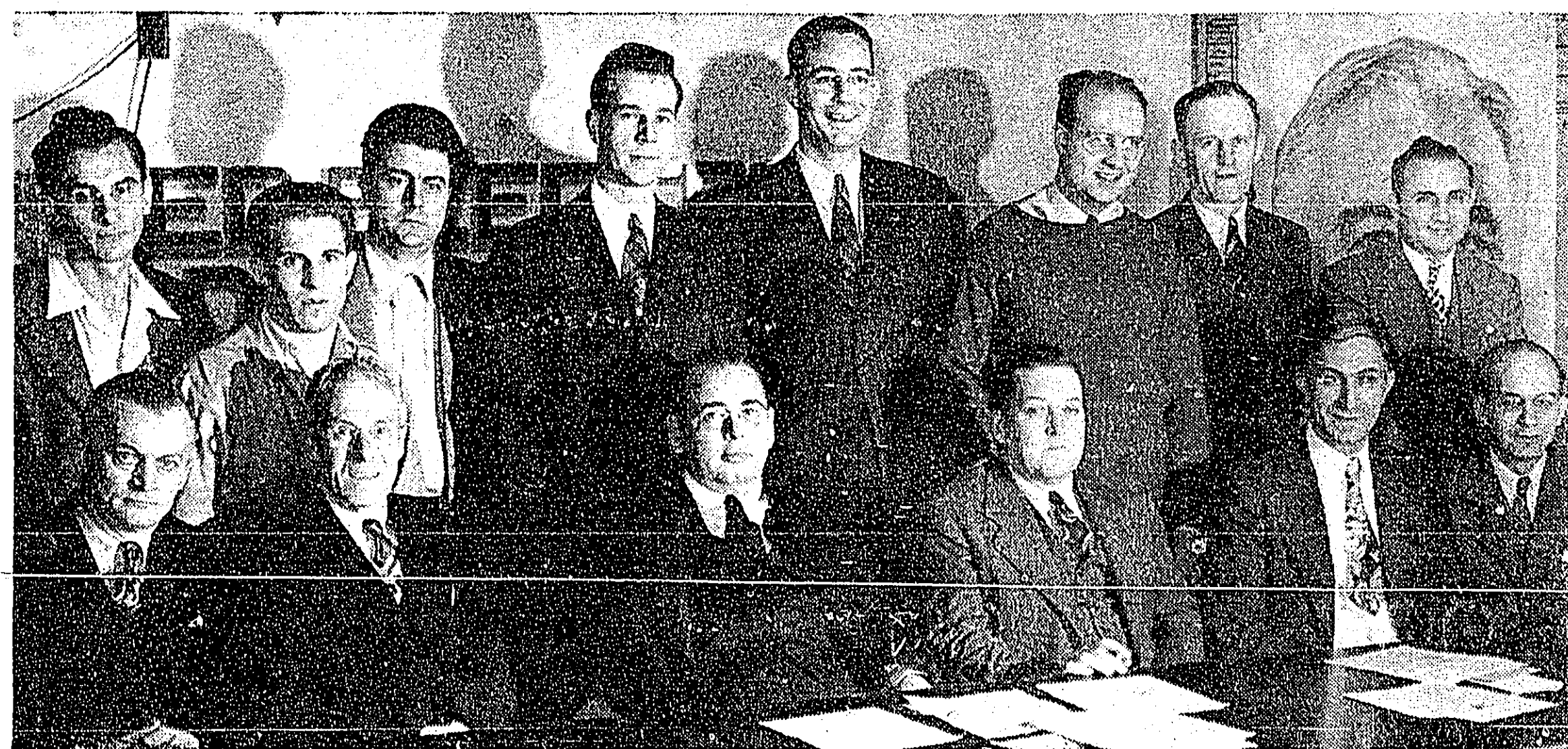


They Represent 301 in Capital District CIO Council



The Local 301 delegation at a recent meeting of the Capital District CIO Council at 301 Hall. Front row, left to right, Joseph Krone, George Walker, Allen Townsend, Thomas McGrath, Tony Tebano and Sidney Friedlander. Rear row, left to right, Marty Zach, Sam De Cesare, Nick Pasquarella, Frank Kriss, Joseph Whitbeck, Gordon Belgrave, Dan Knowlton and

Joseph Rotundo. Delegates not present when the picture was taken were Joseph Mangino, Albert Davis, John Brauneisen, Jim Carey, William Mastriani, Edmund Tanski and Clarence Groesbeck. Brothers Rotundo, Pasquarella, Zach and De Cesare are alternates.

Steelworkers Won't File Non-Communist Affidavits

The 41 members of the executive board of the United Steelworkers of America voted unanimously last week to continue the union's policy of refusing to file non-Communist affidavits and of by-passing the Taft-Hartley Labor Board. This is the same stand the UE has taken.

In announcing the decision, Philip Murray pointed out that immediately after the Taft-Hartley law was passed, the Steelworkers' board denounced the T-H law and the T-H board "as instruments clearly designed to oppress and to destroy the living standards of American workers."

President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen announced he will refuse to file any non-Communist affidavit or to use the T-H board. He said the Communist issue was being raised solely as a labor-splitting move.

Section Night

Here's another reminder to workers in Bldgs. 85, 96, 101, 105, 107 and 109 about their Section Night party at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at 301 Hall.

EU News Will Appear Thursday Next Week

The EU News will be distributed next Thursday morning instead of Friday. The issue will carry statements by candidates for president and business agent of Local 301 and brief summaries of the union records of the other candidates.

Open Saturdays

The 301 office is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for discussion of grievances and consultation with stewards on their problems, but not for the payment of lost time or handling of membership cards or dues matters.

30 Day Limit

Checks issued by Local 301 for lost-time must be cashed within 30 days of their date or they will not be paid. The union business office has reported numerous cases where checks were held for long periods before they were cashed.

Parking Conditions Still Bad at Plant

The union is still trying to get GE management to improve parking conditions at the plant. Many second shift workers can't find places for their cars and have to wait till people pull out. If they wait in the roadways there's a traffic snarl.

Wendell Nelson, in charge of GE police, hasn't agreed to any of the union's suggestions for improving the situation during the past year. The union has asked that the vacant athletic field be used for parking in winter. It has also suggested changes by which workers in certain buildings could park nearer their shops.

Parking Petition

Willard Kuschel, Mary McCartin and Anthony Villano, 301 representatives on the citywide traffic commission, have handed the commission a petition signed by members of the local asking that parking be forbidden in lower State St. during rush hours. Action on the request was postponed.

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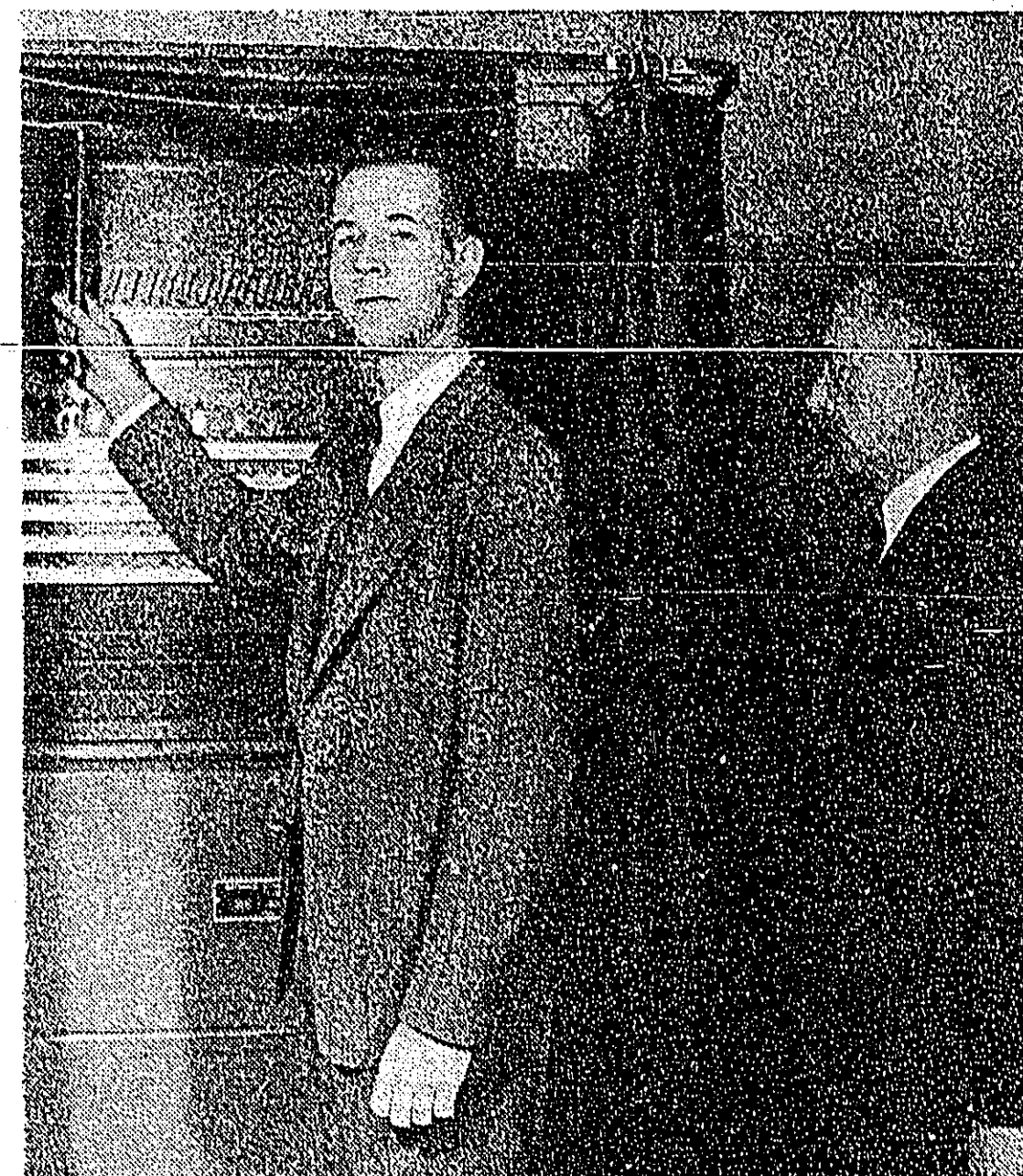
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Polls Open Today in 301 Election

Election Committee Obtains Voting Machines

Frank Kriss of Bldg. 105, left, secretary of the 301 Election Committee, tests the lever which works the curtains on one of the voting machines which will be used in balloting today and tomorrow for 301 officers, at the union hall. At the right, Frank Emspak, Bldg. 46, chairman of the committee.



Voting Machines to Be at Local 301 Hall Today and Tomorrow

Officers for 1948 will be elected by the membership of Local 301 today and tomorrow at the union hall. The polls will be open continuously for 30 hours from noon today to 6 p.m. tomorrow. The Election Committee has obtained 10 voting machines from the city for the balloting. (See page 4 for official list of candidates).

Charles W. Eckel, county election commissioner, will check the machines at the start and close of voting and will have custodians on hand. The 301 Election Committee will assign members to each machine. All candidates will be allowed to be present during the vote count, and presidential candidates can appoint watchers to be present during the balloting.

Electioneering and loitering will not be permitted on the premises during voting hours.

Candidates drew lots Nov. 28 for their positions on the ballot, in accordance with the union constitution.

There is a place in the election machine, above each office, for a write-in vote. Written instructions on how to write-in a name will be posted at the voting booths.

The Schenectady Gazette gave big headlines to two stories about the attempt of Frank Fiorillo of the so-called "Committee for Democratic Action" to

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Section Night Is Postponed

Because of the 301 election, the Section night for Bldgs. 85, 96, 101, 105, 107 and 109 has been postponed to Friday night, Dec. 12. The affair was originally scheduled for tomorrow night at 301 hall.

Statement by Peterson

The following statement to the membership of Local 301 was made by Andrew Peterson, president of the union during 1946 and 1947 and candidate for reelection:

"In the past two years, this union has made outstanding gains for the members, including a general increase of 30 cents an hour, paid holidays and a third week of vacation. Grievances settled by union shop stewards, board members and officers have meant big additional benefits to many GE workers.

"The present officers believe that it is a union's job to help its members in all their problems. Therefore we have the Food Center to help meet the high cost of living. And we now are able to take care of the workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance problems of our members free of charge, through our union attorney.

"We have made these gains because we have been able to maintain a genuine degree of unity in the union membership despite differences. We need to extend and expand the union program of better working conditions, fairer wage rates, lower food prices, and more and more service to the membership. To this end we shall need ever increasing unity.

"We present officers have pledged to work for the continuation of this program in the interest of our membership." William T. Wilkinson, who is running against Peterson for president, was invited by EU News to make a statement but did not do so. Brother Wilkinson, a shop steward in Bldg. 25, was president of Local 301 in 1945.

Leo Jandreau, who has been business agent since Jan. 1, 1937 and is running for reelection, also sent no statement to EU News.

There is no other candidate for business agent on the ballot.

Three-Way Contest For 301 Secretary

The only three-way fight in this year election is for the post of recording secretary. Candidates are Helen Quirini, running for reelection, Joseph J. Krone and Frank Fiorillo.

Sister Quirini has been a steward for most of the six years she has worked at GE.

During the war she was on the labor-management committee in the Campbell Ave. Plant and was chairman of all drives in CAP during that period — blood bank, bonds, Community and War Chest and others. For the past two years she has been a shop steward in Bldg. 81 and was recently reelected by her group for 1948.

She helped organize the women's basketball and softball teams for UE and plays on both outfits. She represents the union on the Child Care Center committee and also on the Young Women's Christian Association's Industrial Council.



Quirini



Krone

Brother Krone, a shop steward in Bldg. 42, has been a member of Local 301 since

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Fiorillo

Rivals for Office



Pelrah

Marie Sweeney, shop steward in Bldg. 69, and Alfred J. Pelrah of Bldg. 64, are running for assistant recording secretary of the union.

Sister Sweeney was the 1946 Local 301 Field Day queen. She stated to the EU News that she was "never an officer of Works Council" and is "not a member of Democratic Action."

Brother Pelrah was a shop steward for 10 years. He has served on the CIO Coordinating Committee and as chairman of the Price Control Committee and a member of the 301 House Committee. A year ago he was elected to the Executive Board.



Marie Sweeney

Hodges, Pelchat Run For Vice-President

William G. Hodges, who is running for reelection as vice-president of Local 301, has served as a shop steward in Bldg. 72 ever since the formation of the union. He was a delegate to UE District 3 Council when it was first formed.

During the war, Brother Hodges was a member of the Regional War Labor Board and was recording secretary of the All-Out War Production Central Committee at the plant. In addition to serving on various 301 committees, he has been assistant recording secretary of the local for two terms and recording secretary for two terms. He was elected vice-president a year ago.

Felix Pelchat, who is opposing Brother Hodges for the vice-presidency, did not comply with the request of EU News to hand in a picture of himself and some facts about his activities in the union.



Hodges

White and Sorensen In Treasurer Race

Candidates for treasurer of Local 301 are Marshall J. White, who now holds the office, and Peter A. Sorensen, a former treasurer of the local.

Brother White joined 301 in March, 1937. He is a Bldg. 61 shop steward and has been a steward since 1942. During 1942 and 1943 he served on the Legislative Committee. He had served on the Executive Board for three years, 1943 through 1945, when he took office as treasurer in 1946. He was reelected treasurer last year.



White

Brother White is a representative of Local 301 on the GE Conference Board of UE.

Brother Sorensen, who works in Bldg. 49, has served as a member of the 301 Legislative Committee and as chairman of the old Wage Adjustment Committee. He is a former treasurer of 301. EU News requested a picture from him to run in this issue, but didn't receive any.

Union to Choose Three Trustees

The Local 301 membership will elect three trustees from the following five candidates, Albert E. Davis, William Downs, Edmund Tanski, C. E. Groesbeck and Carmine Di Girolamo. Brother Davis and Brother Tanski are now trustees.

Al Davis was a member of the union committee for the Labor Board Election. He has been a shop steward from the time he joined the union, is now steward in 10C and has been an Executive Board member for two years. He served as recording secretary of the local from 1935 to 1938. For two years he was chairman of the 301 Legislative Committee. He has been trustee since 1943 and is a member of the 301 Food Price Committee. He is vice-president of the CIO Council.



Davis

Capital District



Downs



Tanski

Brother Tanski of Bldg. 40B has been a shop steward ever since he was first elected in 1942. He recently was reelected for 1948. He represented the union on the All-Out War Production Council of the Induction Motor Division and he was active in organizing the union's blood donor drives for the Red Cross. He is one of the donors in the Gallon Club.

Brother Downs has been a member of 301 since 1940 when he worked in Bldg. 42. In 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and upon his return became a punch press operator in Bldg. 15. He was elected a second shift steward about 18 months ago.

Brother Groesbeck didn't give the EU News any facts about himself or any picture, although asked to supply both.

Two Candidates in Field For Chief Shop Steward

There are two candidates for chief shop steward of Local 301, William Mastriani, who is running for reelection, and Leland Bellinger, who had the job some years ago.

Billy Mastriani has been a member of Local 301 since its formation. He has been a shop steward since 1936, except for brief periods following lay-off or transfers, and has been on the Executive Board for several years.

In 1945 he was elected chief shop steward and he was reelected last year.

During the strike in 1946 he was captain of pickets. He has served on various union committees, including the Activities Committee and the wartime All-Out Production Committee. He is a delegate to the Capital District CIO Council and was Council president last year. For three years he has represented 301 on the UE District 3 Council and he has been a 301 delegate to three national UE conventions. He has charge of the weekly distribution of EU News at the plant gates.

Brother Bellinger, shop steward in Bldg. 49, has been a committeeman ever since the union was formed. He was chief shop steward for two years. He didn't provide EU News with a picture of himself, as he was asked to do, so only Mastriani's picture can be used.

Executive Board Election

Shop stewards next week will elect the Executive Board members for 1948 from their sections.

He is a shop steward in Bldg. 73.

Di Girolamo is still a shop steward in Bldg. 69 under an injunction which he obtained against the union from Supreme Court Justice John Alexander. This court order also allows him to run in the election, although the 301 membership expelled him from the union in October. He did not send in his union record as requested.



Di Girolamo

Meet the Candidates For Sergeant-at-Arms



Cartwright



Stanton

Harmon Cartwright, candidate for reelection as 301 sergeant-at-arms, is a shop steward in Bldg. 84. During the strike he served on the food committee. Michael Stanton, his opponent, did not hand in any report on his union record. He is a candidate through a court order which he obtained from Supreme Court Justice John Alexander and he also retains his office as a shop steward in Bldg. 69 through this order. He dropped out of the union before maintenance-of-membership was secured and was reinstated in September, 1940.

Election News

The EU News appears today, Thursday, this week instead of Friday to carry the complete list of candidates running in the annual 301 election of officers today and tomorrow, and to run statements by candidates for president and business agent and short summaries of the union records of other candidates.

Last week the EU News printed pictures of Andrew Peterson and William Wilkinson, candidates for president, and of Leo Jandreau, only candidate on the ballot for business agent, and George Walker, only candidate on the ballot for guide. Candidates for the other posts were asked to send pictures of themselves to the union office if they did not pose for the EU News photographer at the time of nominations, or if their pictures were not on file. Candidates were also asked to send in facts about their union records.

As several candidates failed to send in pictures or information the material in this election edition is necessarily incomplete.

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