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** SPECIAL ELECTIONS OPEN NOW **

Shop Steward FAQ

What are shop stewards and what do they do?

Stewards are the local's eyes and ears in our shop and the first line of defense against management infringement of workers' rights. You will answer questions from your fellow workers regarding store policy and the benefits outlined in our contract, represent them in any and all disciplinary proceedings, initiate grievances to redress wrongs, and update everyone on the proceedings of the local, all in-store committees, and the progress of bargaining during contract renegotiations.

How do I become a shop steward?

Anyone who has been a union member in good standing for at least six months can nominate themselves for a special election to an open position at any time by approaching a shop steward or emailing this account. As long as you have been trained to work on a specific shop floor, you are eligible to act as shop steward on that floor even if you sometimes work shifts elsewhere in the building.

Once a nomination is made, the shop stewards will post an election notice digitally and in every breakroom, and other union members will have one week to nominate themselves for the same position if they so choose. If no other nominations are made, the first nominee will be elected through acclamation and begin training as a shop steward.

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What shop steward positions are open?

The following positions are open at the main store:

Second Floor
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Basement
Third Floor
Tenth Floor

And the following at other locations:

Warehouse
Upper West Side/Columbus
Upper West Side/Columbus

Who are my current shop stewards?

Main Floor (Tables): Daniel Quinde
Main Floor (Bookseller): Cyrus Kleege
Basement (Tables): Andrew Stando
Third Floor (Tables Lead): Joe Gross
Tenth Floor (Used Book Buyer): Molly Gaumer
Warehouse: Ryan Taylor