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**Date:** April 3, 2019  
**To:** All BCGEU Members at New Westminster  
Land Title and Survey Authority Office  
**Re:** Steward Nominations

Nominations are now open for 1 (one) steward position at your worksite and will close on Friday, May 3, 2019.

Stewards are the face of the Union at the worksite. The Steward's role is to enforce the Collective Agreement and protect members' rights. A steward does not just deal with grievances and complaints at the worksite. Feel free to visit the union's website for more information ([www.bcgeu.ca/stewards](http://www.bcgeu.ca/stewards)).

Some of the roles of a steward are:

- Helping co-workers interpret and understand their collective agreement.
- Supporting co-workers in meetings with management.
- Listening to co-workers about their issues.
- Acting as a liaison between the worksite, the union local and the BCGEU's area offices.
- Communicating about broader local issues and training opportunities within the union.
- Making sure all co-workers are in the loop by updating the union bulletin board.
- Referring members to committees on specific issues, such as the Joint Labour Management and Occupational Health and Safety Committees.

The BCGEU provides training for shop stewards. After your training is complete, you will have the support and guidance of a BCGEU Staff Representative as you continue to develop your skills as a Steward. Further training will be provided after you have gained some experience as a Steward

Nomination forms must be returned to the BCGEU Lower Mainland Area Office via regular mail, fax, email, or in person by **5:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 2019:**

- **BCGEU Lower Mainland Area Office** - #130 - 2920 Virtual Way, Vancouver, BC V5M 0C4
- **Fax:** 604-215-1410 | **Email:** [area03@bcgeu.ca](mailto:area03@bcgeu.ca)

In solidarity,

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Staff Representative

Attachment (1) – steward nomination form

