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Long-serving executive member Rod Sheppard has been elected President of the Society in a mid-term election.

“I’m relieved and gratified,” Sheppard said when the vote was announced. “I know as well as anyone that this last year hasn’t been one of the Society’s best, and this vote of confidence means more to me than anyone can imagine.”

Sheppard to serve as President till 2010

Sheppard bested former delegate **Frank Lenarduzzi** (Hydro One) and former unit director **Adam Habayeb** (OPG). Currently the count of the votes is:

Sheppard	1172
Habayeb	595
Lenarduzzi	488

The final count may change—ballots that arrive in the mail in the coming days will be counted, provided they are post-marked before noon today. The result, however, is not expected to change.

“Adam and Frank ran spirited campaigns,” said Sheppard, “and I hope they’ll continue to be active in the Society.”

Sheppard was appointed President (pro-tem) last October by Society Council. He’d previously been serving as Executive Vice President Membership Services, and has been a member of the Executive Board for almost a decade.

“I didn’t seek this out,” said Sheppard. “I’d have been happy to retire in 2010 as VP Membership. But Council saw fit to make me President, and I’m taking the job very seriously.”



Society President Rod Sheppard speaking to Bruce Power members last fall

Indeed, Sheppard began to make his mark early, raising the Society’s profile by being elected a Vice President of the Ontario Federation of Labour at their convention last November.

Sheppard will serve as President until March 31st, 2010.

The Society's Executive Board will decide at its May meeting whether to conduct an election for Sheppard's old

position of EVP Membership Services. Currently, **Dennis Minello** (OPG) is acting in the position.

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