

SUPP Presidential Hopeful Wong Returned Unopposed As SibU Branch Chairman
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SIBU, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) SibU branch chairman Datuk Sri Wong Soon Koh was returned unopposed at its triennial general meeting here today.

The Bawang Assan state assemblyman is also local government and community development minister.

Former Pelawan state assemblyman Vincent Goh Chung Siong was elected his deputy, replacing the late SibU member of parliament Datuk Robert Lau Hoi Chew, the deputy transport minister who died of liver cancer in April last year.

Lau was however, appointed permanent honorary chairman, together with former party president Tan Sri Dr. Wong Soon Kai.

Lau's wife, Datuk Janet Lau Ung Hie, retained her post as Wanita chief.

Toh Jack Kuong was elected Youth leader.

The branch also saw its Bumiputra unit chief Andrew Shilling elected as one of four vice-chairmen.

Seven other bumiputera were appointed committee members.

With his re-appointment, Wong, also SUPP deputy secretary-general, can now focus on his bid for the president's post at its triennial delegates conference(TDC) in Kuching next month.

He will be challenged by Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Peter Chin Fah Kui, who is also SUPP organising secretary and Miri member of parliament.

About 600 delegates representing 43 branches will attend the TDC where the main agenda will be electing SUPP's new leader as current president Tan Sri Dr George Chan Hong Nam is not seeking re-election.

They will elect 135 Central Committee members and 25 Central Working Committee (CWC) members.

The CWC members will then pick the new president and other office-bearers.

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