

BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION, INC.

FIRST REPORT OF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jorge Koury, Chairperson, #156 (Olmsted)
Lynette Dixon, #039 (MLK)
Beth Ann Fullagar (MLK)
James Healy, #192 (BAVPA)

Brian Hilton, #033
Phyllis Mabry-Mays, #198
Dawne McNeal, #089
Janine Williams, #206 (South Park)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Nominations will be opened for 27 officers of the BTF on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the Council of Delegates meeting and will close on Thursday, April 2, 2015.
2. The positions to be filled will be the following offices:

Executive Offices

President/Vice President (two candidates to run as a team)
Secretary
Treasurer
(Candidates for election to the above named positions must be Probationary or Contract teachers)

Executive Committee Offices

6 - Elementary Classroom Teachers – Pre K – 6
7 - Secondary Teachers – 7 – 12
7 - K-12 Teachers
(Teachers of Art, Music and Physical Education, Librarians, Teachers of children with handicapping conditions, i.e., Learning Disabilities, Mentally Retarded, etc., Remedial Teachers, Teachers who work with referred students, i.e., Attendance Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Psychologists, Social Workers, all other teachers not named or described in any other category or sub-category.

3 At-Large

3. The term of office shall be two (2) years.
4. A member may only be a candidate for one office.
5. Any candidate for any Executive office shall be an active member who shall have maintained continuous membership in the BTF for the entire year in which he or she is nominated.
6. No member whose name appears on an eligible list for any position which would make him or her ineligible for membership in the BTF shall be eligible to be a candidate for office.

II. PROCEDURE

1. **Nominations at March Council of Delegates Meeting** - Candidates for election as officers of this Federation shall be nominated at the Thursday, March 19th Council of Delegates meeting.
2. At the time of nominating, one minute total floor time shall be allowed the nominator. Nominations shall be made separately for each office with the exception of the President and the Vice President who shall run as a team.

3. Those who are nominated from the floor of the March 19th Council of Delegates meeting shall submit in writing to the Committee Secretary, the following information:
 - a) Name of Nominee
 - b) Category for which nominated
 - c) Name of Nominator (must be member of the House of Delegates)
 - d) Name of Seconder (must be member of the House of Delegates)

The nominator must submit to Jim Healy, Committee Secretary, the written nomination before the close of the March Council of Delegates meeting in order for the nomination to be recognized by the Elections Committee. The nomination form may be obtained from the Committee Secretary, Jim Healy, during the March Council of Delegates meeting.

4. **Nominations sent through U.S. mail** – Nomination of candidates for election as officers of this Federation may also be submitted by a letter of intent signed by two members of the Council of Delegates. Such letter must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the BTF offices. This letter shall be addressed to Jorge Koury, Elections Committee Chairperson; shall be postmarked no earlier than Thursday, March 19, 2015 and no later than Thursday, April 2, 2015; shall arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Candidates nominated in this way are strongly advised to keep their receipts. Such candidates are also advised that the Elections Committee shall, in no way, be held accountable for inadequacies of the United States Postal System.
5. **No acceptance forms will be provided. No later than Monday, April 13th, a list of all nominees shall be sent to each member nominated for office. Candidates who wish to decline nomination shall submit a letter of declination prior to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 at which time a lottery for ballot position shall be held.**
6. **Anyone nominated in more than one category must decline nomination in all but one category. Failure to do so will result in being placed in the At-Large category.**
7. **As nominations are received in the BTF office, candidates shall receive a packet of information for use of the BTF Provocator. Candidate statements and all advertisements shall be submitted no later than Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**
8. Positions on the ballot shall be determined by lottery. There will be two lotteries, one for category position on the ballot and one for order of placement in the election issue of the Provocator. These shall take place at the BTF offices at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 under the supervision of a Notary Public and the Elections Committee. Each nominee, or their representative, shall be entitled to be present during this procedure.
9. Candidates will be listed by name only. No group affiliations will be designated on the ballot.
10. Any questions arising from interpretation or application of these rules must be submitted in writing to the Committee by certified mail, return receipt requested, to arrive no later than ten (10) days after the March Council of Delegates meeting, that meeting date being March 19, 2015.
11. Any claim of misapplication of these rules must be filed, in writing, stating the specific misapplication to this committee within 48 hours of such alleged incident, by certified mail, return receipt requested.
12. This committee will report the procedure for campaigns and elections at the March meeting following the acceptance of nominations