

PROCEDURES FOR 2017**NEA**

(One of our National Affiliates)

DELEGATE & SUCCESSOR DELEGATE ELECTION

1. The election will be supervised by the Conventions Election Committee. Members of this committee shall be ineligible to be candidates.
2. Challenges regarding a misapplication of these rules must be submitted, in writing to the Conventions Election Committee no later than five days following the event which gives rise to the challenge. In the event that the Conventions Elections Committee's decision is unsatisfactory to the individual filing the challenge, their decision may be appealed to the Executive Committee. In the event that the Executive Committee's decision is unsatisfactory to the individual filing the challenge, their decision may be appealed to the Council of Delegates.
3. A member may be a candidate for one position, either delegate or successor delegate.
4. Members will elect **2** convention delegates and **2** successor delegates for a term of three years. Delegate and successor delegates will be voted separately and ranked in order of votes received. (The highest total will be #1, etc.) The **two** candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.
5. If a run-off ballot is required to elect the **2nd** delegate, the ballot shall list the names of the tied candidates.
6. The exact number of delegates to which the B.T.F. will be entitled for the 2018 and 2019 NEA Conventions is unknown. In the event that the entitlement is fewer than **2** delegates, the delegate list will be completely canvassed in rank order for convention attendance prior to any canvassing of the successor delegate list. If the delegate entitlement is greater than **2**, the top ranking successor delegate would become the 3rd delegate, the second ranking successor delegate would become the 4th delegate.
7. The B.T.F. guarantees the funding of locally credentialed delegates who attend the convention for transportation and housing as arranged by the B.T.F. Subject to budgetary limitations, delegates will be provided with an allowance for food.
8. Timetable for Election Procedures (Events starred (*) are open to observers designated by the candidate).

March 20 – March 24, 2017

Notice of the positions to be filled shall be distributed to all teachers:

- a) Delegate Chairpersons will receive notices for posting on faculty bulletin boards.
- b) A special President's Report listing the vacancies will be issued.

Nominations will be accepted provided they are mailed to the Conventions Election Committee, c/o B.T.F., by certified mail, return receipt requested, or hand-delivered to the B.T.F. Office during normal business hours (9-5) when the office is open. **Petitions must be received prior to the closing of nominations at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.** Candidates or their agents who hand-deliver nomination forms must obtain a receipt for the nominating petition and must retain this receipt for any possible challenge related to the delivery of such petition. **This receipt is the only proof that will be accepted as evidence of timely submission of the petition.**

Nominations must be made on the forms which will be printed on the **President's Report** or on any reproduction, provided all pertinent information is present. Such petitions will carry the acceptance of the nomination for the position by the candidate.

Petitions for delegate will require the signatures of **5** B.T.F. members other than the candidate.

Petitions for successor delegate will require the signature of **3** B.T.F. members other than the candidate.

April 6th 5:00 p.m. *

A lottery will be held to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot. (Results of the lottery will be posted at the BTF Headquarters.)

April 21st

Ballots will be mailed to all B.T.F. members.

May 6th *

All valid ballots mailed and received by 8:30 a.m. at the designated postal box will be counted. No write-in votes will be counted.

Results will be posted at the BTF Office within 24 hours of the ballots being counted.

May 10th

If a tie vote should occur for the **2nd** delegate position, a run-off ballot, containing the names of the tied candidates, will be mailed to B.T.F. members.

May 23rd *

Run-off ballots will be counted.

Names of those candidates who have attained election will be announced at the Council of Delegates.

Complete results will appear in a President's Report and will be published in the Provocator.

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