

BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION

Second Report of the Elections Committee

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CAMPAIGNING

I. A. PROVOCATOR

1. Each candidate for office shall be entitled to submit a personal platform paper to be printed in a special campaign edition of the "Provocator". Such platform paper shall be strictly limited to 200 words with the exception of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates who shall be allotted 400 words and shall be turned in to the BTF offices (Attention: Jorge Koury or Lupe Sauer) not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015. All platform statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and will be printed exactly as submitted.

2. Paid advertisements in the campaign edition of the "Provocator" may be purchased by candidates and shall be submitted to Jorge Koury or Lupe Sauer and received at the BTF by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015.

3. Credentials list must be submitted to Jorge Koury, or Lupe Sauer, and received at the BTF by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015.

4. Order of placement in the election issue of the "Provocator" will be determined by lottery on an individual basis. Except for President and Vice President, candidates for BTF office will be grouped together in the category in which they are running.

5. The Elections Committee shall handle the campaign edition of the "Provocator".

B. Other Campaign Material

1. All printed material shall bear the identification of those responsible for its contents.

2. All candidates for office are responsible for the distribution of their campaign materials.

3. **The Buffalo Public School PONY and OWA system, including the Board's e-mail, shall not be used by a candidate to campaign.**

4. All candidates for office must arrange and pay for their own campaign materials. No candidate may use BTF machinery.

5. In order to ensure equal opportunity for all candidates to reach all teachers in all schools, a list of schools, the number of teachers at each school and a current list of members of the Council of Delegates shall be made available to all candidates.

6. In keeping with the long-standing policy of the Council of Delegates, membership lists shall not be made available to any candidate. However, any candidate may make arrangements to have direct mailings made to all BTF members through the BTF offices. The entire cost of such mailings, including clerical costs shall be borne by the individual candidate. Specific guidelines for such mailings will be mailed to the candidates.

C. School Visitations

All candidates shall limit their school visitations for campaign purposes to lunch periods and the time before and after school sessions.

II. Group Affiliation Procedures

Candidates will be listed by name only. No group affiliations will be designated on the ballot.

III. Important Dates

Nominations	March 19– April 2, 2015 (Thurs. – Thurs.)
List of Nominations mailed. Any candidate Who does not receive one by Friday, April 17, 2015 should call the BTF office by 4:30 p.m. on that date.	April 13, 2015 – (Monday)
Deadline for submitting ads.	April 20, 2015 (Monday)
Platform statements must be received.	April 20, 2015 (Monday)
Lottery at 4:30 p.m.	April 20, 2015 (Monday)
Ballots mailed.	May 1, 2015 (Friday)
Ballot counting procedures commence at 9:00 a.m. Results will be posted at completion.	May 16, 2015 (Saturday)
Candidates notified of results.	May 18, 2015
Request for re-count of ballots must be received, in writing, no later than 4:00 p.m. to Jorge Koury, Elections Committee Chair.	May 22, 2015 (Friday)
Final Election Report	May 27, 2015 (Wednesday) Council of Delegates

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