## National Council of Urban Education Associations

## **ELECTION GUIDELINES**

- I. The NCUEA Election Guidelines may be changed by a vote of the Council, with all guidelines and voting bodies being consistent with the NCUEA Constitution & Bylaws and membership requirements.
- II. Any member of the NCUEA Elections Committee who is or becomes a candidate for an NCUEA or NEA office may not serve on the Election Committee. Such committee member shall be replaced per the original committee assignment process/designation.
- III. Any candidate submitting a letter of endorsement from their local association shall have their candidacy announced in the NCUEA Newsletter. Regional Newsletters and/or official NCUEA social media sites may also include this information. The nominee shall be sent acknowledgement of receipt of an endorsement letter from the Elections Committee chairperson.
- **IV.** Candidates submitting their letter of endorsement by the appropriate deadline to the Elections Committee shall be provided a copy of campaign procedures as per the Constitution and Bylaws.
- V. All campaign expenses shall be borne by the individual candidate and/or his/her campaign committee. No local or state association shall contribute funding or in-kind services for a NCUEA candidate.
- **VI.** Campaign speeches for executive officers and ethnic minority director-at-large shall be limited to five minutes and shall be given at a general business session prior to the election.
- **VII.** Campaign speeches for Regional Director shall be limited to three minutes and shall take place at the second regional business meeting. Elections will follow immediately with ballots designed by the Election Committee.
- **VIII.** Campaign posters may be placed in the hotel; following the hotel rules.
  - **IX.** While campaign materials may be placed on tables prior to business sessions, there shall be no campaign activities during a business session.
  - X. Neither candidates for NCUEA office nor their supporters may campaign on any official NCUEA social media site, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, NEA 360, EdCommunites, etc. Candidates campaign materials may not include the NCUEA logo. Once a candidate is recommended, they can display the NCUEA recommended banner.
  - **XI.** The appropriate contact information for conference participants will be provided to any candidate for NCUEA office, if requested by the candidate through the Elections Chair. Contact information for the region will be provided to candidates for the office of regional director. Contact information for the entire membership will be provided to candidates for the office of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and ethnic minority director-at-large.
- **XII.** Candidates for the office of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and ethnic minority director-at-large will be provided a campaign table near the general session location, following hotel rules and with any costs covered by the campaigns.

- **XIII.** Election Committee members shall meet in an appropriate place to count the ballots for all elections. Candidates may name an observer to monitor the counting of ballots. The Drawing of Lots will be utilized in the event of a tie.
- **XIV.** Alleged violations of the above procedure and/or election by-laws shall be submitted to the Elections Committee chair. A ruling will be rendered by the committee. Such ruling may be appealed to the Council.