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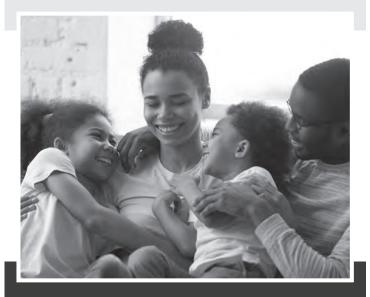
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## Pennsylvania Convention Center

### Registration Check-In

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Hall A

July 3: 9 am-5 pm

July 4: 9 am-5 pm\*\*

July 5-6: 9 am-5 pm

July 7: 9 am-Noon

\*\*Note: All Delegates are expected to be registered and checked in no later than noon.

#### Delegates with Disabilities

Hall C

(Services for Delegates with Disabilities Office)

July 3: 9 am-5 pm

Note: All delegates must register at main registration on other days.

## Caucus and Council Table Display Area

## Set-up

July 3: 9 am-5 pm

#### Show hours

July 4-6: 9 am-5 pm

July 7: 9 am-3 pm

The Caucus and Council Table Display Area will be in Hall A.

See Pennsylvania Convention Center floor plans at the back of this program.

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## 162nd Annual Meeting

## Thursday, July 4, 2024

July 4-7, 2024

## 103rd NEA Representative Assembly

Presiding: Rebecca S. Pringle

President, National Education Association

Pennsylvania Convention Center Philadelphia, PA

8 am ET Deadline for NBI Amendments for

**Debate Today** 

9 am – Caucus and Council Table Display Area

5 pm Hall A

10 am FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Call to Order

Rebecca S. Pringle, President

Land Acknowledgement

Color Guard

National Anthem NEA RA Choir

Pledge of Allegiance

#### Thursday, July 4 (continued)

**NEA Mission Statement** 

**Inspirational Message** 

Poem - Minority Scholars Students

Preliminary Credentials Committee Report

Laura Warren, Chairperson

Adoption of the Order of Business

Approval of the Proceedings of the 2023 Representative Assembly

Standards of Conduct

Introduction of Host Committee and Acknowledgement of Volunteers

Introduction of Executive Committee and Senior Staff

Introduction of NEA Past Presidents and Executive Directors

**Keynote Address** 

Rebecca S. Pringle, President

Presentation and Adoption of Rules Governing the Meeting

Elizabeth Nahl, Chairperson,

Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Rules

Candidate-Related Announcements

Elizabeth Nahl, Chairperson,

Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Rules

Preliminary Elections Committee Report

Charles E. Smith, Chairperson

	Thursday, July 4 (continued)				
4 pm	Deadline for Submission of Amendments to Policy Statements, NEA Legislative Program, and Resolutions				
Afternoon	SECOND BUSINESS MEETING				
	Call to Order Rebecca S. Pringle, <i>President</i>				
	Action on New Business (60 minutes)				
	Secretary-Treasurer Report Noel Candelaria, Secretary-Treasurer				
	Nominations of Candidates				
	Candidate Responses				
	Action on Proposed Amendments				
	Announcements				

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**BREAK** 

8 am ET	Deadline for Policy Statement and NBI amendments for Debate Today
8:30 am – Noon	<b>Polls Open</b> (Please vote during your state's designated time slot.)
9 am – 5 pm	Caucus and Council Table Display Area Hall A
10 am	THIRD BUSINESS MEETING  Call to Order  Rebecca S. Pringle, President

	Friday, July 5 (continued)				
	Action on New Business (90 minutes)				
	2024 ESP of the Year (Jen Bramson)				
	BREAK				
Afternoon	FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING				
	Call to Order Rebecca S. Pringle, <i>President</i>				
	Action on New Business (90 minutes)				
	Action on New Policy Statement (Artificial Intelligence)				
	Action on Proposed Amendments to Policy Statements				
	2024 Friend of Education				
	(American Library Association)				
	Reports of the 2023–2024 Committees				
	Elections Committee Report Charles E. Smith, <i>Chairperson</i>				
	BREAK				
Saturday, July 6					
8 am ET	Deadline for Legislative and NBI Amendments for Debate Today				
9 am – 5 pm	Caucus and Council Table Display Area Hall A				

#### Saturday, July 6 (continued)

#### 10 am FIFTH BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Rebecca S. Pringle, President

Action on New Business (90 minutes)

**NEA Executive Director** 

Kim Anderson

Campaign to Promote, Protect, and Stengthen Public Education Panel

**BREAK** 

## Afternoon SIXTH BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Rebecca S. Pringle, President

Action on New Business (90 minutes)

Brown v. Board of Education 70th anniversary

2024 Higher Educator of the Year

Dr. Susan Williams Brown

Action on NEA Legislative Program

Rebecca Gamboa, Chairperson

Reports on the Actions of the 2023 Representative Assembly

**BREAK** 

Sunda	y, July	7
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8 am ET Deadline for Resolutions and

**NBI** amendments for Debate Today

9 am – Caucus and Council Table Display Area

3 pm Hall A

10 am SEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Rebecca S. Pringle, President

Action on New Business (90 minutes)

2024 Teacher of the Year

Missy Testerman

**Presentation of Resolutions** 

Committee Report and Action on

**Resolutions Amendments** 

James Henderson, Chairperson
Resolutions Internal Editing Committee

**BREAK** 

Afternoon EIGHTH BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Rebecca S. Pringle, President

Action on New Business (90 minutes)

Action on 2024–2026 Strategic Plan and Budget

**Acknowledgment of Outgoing Officials** 

## Sunday, July 7 (continued)

Acknowledgement of Incoming Officials

Staff Acknowledgment

Final Credentials Committee Report Laura Warren, Chairperson

Presentation of Proposed Amendments to NEA Constitution for Vote in 2025 and Candidates for Office in 2025

Elizabeth Nahl, Chairperson Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules

at or before ADJOURNMENT 6 pm

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## **NEA Host Committee**

#### Chair

Amy Pascale 6th Grade Reading and Social Studies Teacher Wilkes-Barre Area School District, PA

#### **Delegate Services**

Joe Logan *High School Social Studies Teacher* Spring Cove School District, PA

#### **Event Services**

Kenneth Foelster *Elementary Teacher, Retired* Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, PA

#### Information and Registration

Jennifer Smith

Elementary Teacher

Penn Delco School District, PA

#### **NEA Fund**

Erica Milbourne High School and Middle School Orchestra Director, Retired North Penn School District, PA

#### R.A. Telephone Network

Rebecca Titus 3rd Grade Teacher Reading School District, PA

#### Treasurer

Tom Ingram

High School Social Studies Teacher, Retired

Coatesville Area School District, PA

## **Identifying Insignia**

Note: Your badge is your official identification, permits admission to the Representative Assembly hall, and should be worn at all times.

## **Badges**

#### Delegate

Issued to credentialed delegates; permits seating in Delegate areas.

#### **NEA Member**

Issued to members of the Association who are not delegates; permits seating in the Guest area.

#### Guest

Issued to official guests of the Association, friends and family of delegates, staff, and other NEA members; permits seating in the Guest area.

#### **Association Staff**

Issued to staff members of NEA and its affiliates; permits seating in the Staff area.

#### Press

Issued to members of the general news media; permits access to the Newsroom and all press conferences, as well as receipt of official news releases; permits seating in the Press area.

#### Exhibitor

Issued to exhibitors and their guests; permits seating in the Guest area.

#### Event Staff

Issued to convention staff assisting with Annual Meeting activities; permits seating in the Guest area.

#### **Host Committee**

Issued to individuals from the host state affiliate assisting with Annual Meeting activities; permits seating in the Guest area.

#### Ribbons

Ribbons identify groups of individuals. They do not permit seating in Delegate areas unless specified.

#### **NEA Board of Directors 2024**

Designates members of the NEA Board of Directors; permits access to Representative Assembly floor and stage.

#### **NEA Executive Committee 2024**

Designates members of the NEA Executive Committee; permits access to Representative Assembly floor and stage.

#### Resolutions Committee Member 2024

Designates members of the NEA Resolutions Committee.

#### Credentials Committee 2024

Designates members of the NEA Credentials Committee.

#### Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee 2024

Designates members of the NEA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee; permits access to Representative Assembly floor and stage.

#### **Elections Committee 2024**

Designates members of the NEA Elections Committee.

#### Legislative Committee 2024

Designates members of the NEA Legislation Committee.

#### State President 2024

Designates Presidents of state associations; permits access to Representative Assembly floor and stage.

#### NEA-Retired Delegate 2024

Designates NEA-Retired delegates to the Representative Assembly.

#### Official 2024

Designates individuals responsible for the conduct of the Annual Meeting; permits access to the Representative Assembly floor and stage.

#### Convention Management 2024

Designates individuals responsible for Annual Meeting logistics; permits access to the Representative Assembly floor and stage.

#### **Annual Meeting Coordinator 2024**

Designates individuals responsible for coordinating Annual Meeting logistics within a state delegation; permits seating in Delegate areas.

#### **Stage 2024**

Designates individuals who have access to the Representative Assembly stage.

## The NEA Fund for Children & Public Education \$50/100/200/250/\$350/500/650/800/\$1000/1500/2000 2024

Designates individuals who have made contributions to the NEA Fund, the political action committee of NEA.

#### **Host Committee 2024**

Designates individuals who have volunteered for the Host Committee.

#### NCESP

National Council for Education Support Professionals.

#### **NCHE**

National Council for Higher Education.

#### **Board Steering Committee 2024**

Designates members of the NEA Board Steering Committee.

#### **NEA Life Member**

Designates NEA members holding lifetime memberships.

#### **NEA Pre-Retired Subscriber**

Designates active professional or ESP who joins as a pre-retired member.

## **Top Activist**

Designates the most politically active delegates in political campaigns and legislative advocacy.

## NEA Officers, 2023–2024

#### **Executive Officers**

Rebecca S. Pringle, president Princess R. Moss, vice president Noel Candelaria, secretary-treasurer

#### **Executive Committee**

Mark Jewell, North Carolina Gladys Fátima Márquez, Illinois Ronald Duff Martin, Wisconsin Shannon McCann, Washington Robert V. Rodriguez, California Christine Sampson-Clark, New Jersey

Executive Director Kim A. Anderson

#### **Board of Directors**

**Alabama** Nashasta Craig-Pollard, Mobile

Charlene McCoy, Gadsden Mary Beth Tate, Fort Payne

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Irene Amezcua, Oceanside Maritza Avila, Port Hueneme Nichole DeVore, Sacramento Ever Flores, Santa Rosa

Naqiba Gregory, West Sacramento

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Erika Zamora, Perris

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David Lockley, Northglenn

Connecticut Katy Gale, Stamford

Tanya Kores, Cheshire

**Delaware** Gloria Ho, Camden

Federal Chad Jimison, Montgomery, AL

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Nelly Henjes, Clearwater Teresa Hodge, Davie

Cartier Scott, West Palm Beach

**Georgia** Maria Beal-Parker, Stone Mountain

Jeff Hubbard, Marietta

Hawaii Aaron Kubo, Keaau

Idaho Margaret Hoy, Twin Falls

**Illinois** Benjamin Baer, Coal City

Bill Farmer, Chicago

Rebecca Gamboa, Naperville Elizabeth Ojeda-Jimenez, Berwyn

Karen Moore, Lynnwood Susan Nicholas, Mount Morris

Michael B. Williamson, Crystal Lake

**Indiana** John McLaughlin, Jeffersonville

Jessica Ramirez, Nappanee

**Iowa** Rachella Dravis, Fort Madison

Sara Earleywine, Marshalltown

**Kansas** Angela Powers, Olathe

Brian Skinner, North Newton

**Kentucky** Marshall Tyler Murphy, Lexington

Noraa Ransey, Murray

Louisiana Elizabeth Sullivan, Shreveport

Maine Rebecca Cole, Windham

Maryland Michelle Alexander, Columbia

Matthew Gresick, Fulton Tanya Martin, Pikesville

Anzer Woodward, Mitchellville

Massachusetts John Bracey, Bellingham

Deborah Gesualdo, Webster Zena Link, Northborough Christine Mulroney, Ashland Nicole Prevost, Weymouth

Vacancy

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Alfonso Salais, Jr., Lansing Heather Schulz, Berkley

Wendy Winston, Grand Rapids

Minnesota Heather L. Bakke, Winthrop

Jasman Myers, Maplewood Marty Scofield, Blaine

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Montana KaCee Ballou, Missoula

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Dora Leland, Big Flats

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West Virginia Lucinda Burns, Cross Lanes

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Debra Ward-Mitchell, Homewood, IL

Chiffon Winston, Mayfield, KY

Ethnic-Minority Robert Ellis, Richmond, CA

Representatives Tracy Hartman-Bradley, La Vista, NE

Jodi Kunimitsu, Wailuku, HI

Christine Trujillo, Las Cruces, NM

Honorary John Lucas, Durham, NC

## Standing Rules of the NEA Representative Assembly

## Rule 1. Delegates

#### A. Credentials Committee

#### 1. Composition

The President shall appoint a chairperson and four (4) members of the Credentials Committee for rotating terms of three (3) years. The appointments shall be with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. No individual shall serve more than two (2) terms as a member of the Credentials Committee.

#### 2. Duties

The committee shall be responsible for the supervision of the accreditation and registration of delegates to the Representative Assembly. Any complaint or question regarding the issuance of credentials shall be submitted in writing to the committee no later than June 1. After June 1, the committee shall not entertain a challenge if it is based on information that was known or that reasonably should have been known prior to that date.

The chairperson of the Credentials Committee shall give a preliminary report at the first meeting of the Representative Assembly. The preliminary report shall include information concerning compliance with all requirements required of delegations. Noncompliance by delegations will be specifically noted and reported. A final report will be given when the registration is complete.

The seating of a delegate, or delegates, may be challenged by means of a motion to amend such report. The action of the Representative Assembly, which has jurisdiction over the seating of its delegates, shall be final.

## B. Certification of Delegates

## 1. Delegate Allocations

The Executive Director shall notify state and local affiliates, and other qualified organizations, of the number of delegates to which they are entitled after January 15 and no later than February 15 of the calendar year in which the Representative Assembly convenes. State affiliates shall be notified of the number of aspiring educator delegates to which they are entitled after March 15 and no later than April 1.

## 2. Election and Verification of Eligibility

The president of each local affiliate to which delegates have been allocated shall forward to the state affiliate by April 10 a certificate of eligibility for each local delegate and the term for which the delegate was elected on a form provided by the NEA.

By May 15, the president of each state affiliate shall forward to the NEA Executive Director a certificate of eligibility for each state association delegate and for each delegate elected pursuant to Bylaws 3-1.d, e, h, and i in that state, when appropriate, and the term for which the delegate was elected on a form provided by the NEA. The person designated by the President of the NEA to certify delegates pursuant to Bylaw 3-1.f. shall certify each school nurse delegate and the term for which the delegate was elected on a form provided by the NEA. Once certified, the delegate shall remain certified until the expiration of said delegate's term to fulfill such duties of a delegate as are appropriate between Annual Meetings.

Upon verification of eligibility, the Executive Director shall forward such material as to allow the delegate to effect registration, voting, and official seating.

#### 3. Vacancies

The organization to which delegates have been allocated shall be responsible for filling vacancies that may occur when a delegate does not fulfill the term for which elected. The filling of vacancies must comply with the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws for the election of delegates.

Successor delegates to fill possible vacancies should be elected at the same time delegates are elected. Those persons filing delegate lists under the provision of B above shall file with the Executive Director, by May 15, lists of successor delegates that may have been elected, and a certificate of eligibility of each such successor delegate. Only those members who are so certified shall be eligible to serve as successor delegates.

A successor delegate shall serve for the remainder of the term of the delegate in whose place the successor delegate is serving. However, if a delegate is unable to attend one or more Annual Meetings by reason of uncontrollable circumstances, that delegate may resume service in the term of office to which the delegate was elected, commencing at the next Annual Meeting, provided that the delegate has submitted a statement to the Credentials Committee (no later than January 15 immediately preceding the Annual Meeting at which the delegate wishes to resume office) certifying that the delegate wishes to resume office and was unable to attend by reason of uncontrollable circumstances and the Credentials Committee concurs that such reason does in fact exist.

If a registered delegate leaves the Representative Assembly for an emergency reason, the elected successor delegate may be registered as a voting delegate during the absence of the originally registered delegate. A successor delegate registered in accordance with this provision shall be credentialed to serve as a voting delegate only until the adjournment of the Representative Assembly.

## C. Registration

#### 1. Registration Materials

Registration materials shall be sent by mail to all delegates prior to the time of the Annual Meeting.

#### 2. Registration of Delegates

Registration of delegates, successor delegates, nondelegate members, and guests shall begin on the first day of the Annual Meeting. Registration of delegates and successor delegates shall be completed on the day prior to the first business meeting of the Representative Assembly.

#### 3. Successor Delegates

Successor delegates filling vacancies shall present at registration the permanent credential originally sent to the delegate the successor is replacing and a signed statement from the person filing the original and successor delegate lists under the provision of Rule 1.B.2 identifying the delegate to be replaced.

## 4. Members Other Than Delegates

Members other than delegates shall present evidence of membership and shall be given appropriate badges. Guests shall also be given appropriate badges.

#### 5. Supervision of Registration

Registration for the Annual Meeting shall be under the supervision of the Credentials Committee. Appeals shall be made to the same committee.

## D. Seating Arrangements

#### 1. Open to Members

Meetings of the Representative Assembly shall be open to members of the Association insofar as seating arrangements permit.

## 2. Seating Sections

The auditorium seating plan shall be arranged to provide sections for delegates, nondelegate members, guests, and staff.

#### 3. Admittance to the Auditorium

Admittance to the auditorium shall be by badge. The type of badge will determine admittance to the proper section.

#### 4. News Media

Members of the news media shall be given an appropriate badge and admitted to the area reserved for their use.

#### 5. Staff

Staff members who need access to the floor of the Assembly shall wear an appropriate badge and an "official" ribbon. Staff members of state and local affiliates shall, upon designation by the chairperson of the delegation, be permitted to be seated in the section with their delegation.

#### 6. Access to State Delegation Section

The chairperson and members of each delegation shall assume responsibility for permitting only certified delegates and designated staff to sit in their section.

## E. State Delegations

#### 1. First Meeting of State Delegations

The first meeting of state delegations shall take place before the first business meeting of the Representative Assembly with all accredited delegates duly notified.

#### 2. Delegation Chair and Vice-Chair

Each delegation shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson at its first meeting during the Annual Meeting unless previously elected by the NEA members within the state or the state representative assembly or the state's NEA Representative Assembly delegates at the state association's first caucus session prior to the Annual Meeting. The form certifying the election of the chairperson and vice chairperson shall be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules by the close of the first business meeting of the Representative Assembly.

#### 3. Parliamentary Authority

Meetings of state delegations shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised or such other officially recognized parliamentary authority as the state delegation may recognize.

#### 4. Delegation Spokesperson

The chairperson of each state delegation, or the chairperson's authorized deputy, shall serve as spokesperson for the delegation on the floor of the Representative Assembly. Except when authorized, other members of the delegation may speak only as individuals in the Representative Assembly.

#### 5. Individual Votes

No state delegation shall vote by unit rule in the Representative Assembly. Each individual delegate shall have one (1) vote.

## Rule 2. Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules

## A. Composition

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The President shall annually appoint a chairperson of the committee. Members shall serve rotating three (3) year terms beginning September 1. No member shall serve more than two (2) terms.

#### **B.** Duties

The committee shall initiate proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules as appropriate; receive and process proposed amendments; supervise the submission and processing of new business and amendments to the Legislative Program; supervise and count roll call votes; provide advisory opinions to

parliamentary questions upon the request of the presiding officer; and perform such other duties as are set forth in the Standing Rules or are requested by the President.

## C. New Business vs. Legislative Program vs. Resolutions

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall supervise the submission and processing of items of new business and amendments to the Legislative Program. The committee shall determine which are items of new business, which are legislative amendments, and which are resolutions.

#### Rule 3. Order of Business and Debate

## A. Adoption of the Order of Business

The adoption of the order of business of the Representative Assembly shall be the first item of business at the first business meeting of the Assembly.

## B. Documents Governing Representative Assembly

The annual session of the Representative Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with provisions of the NEA Constitution, Bylaws, and these Standing Rules. Matters not specifically governed in these documents shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

## C. Advisors to Presiding Officer

There shall be an official parliamentarian, to whom questions may be directed only through the presiding officer. If deemed advisable by the presiding officer, a question may be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules for an advisory interpretation. The presiding officer rules; the parliamentarian and Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules may advise.

## D. Scheduling of New Business Items (NBI)

Items of new business submitted in accordance with these Standing Rules shall be considered for at least one hour at the second business meeting and for at least 90 minutes at each subsequent meeting.

## E. Display of Business

The content of debate on any items for debate shall be displayed on all screens, including projection screens, by real-time captioning.

The text of new business items will be shown on the screen. Amendments to new business items will be shown with additions inserted and underlined and deletions with a strikethrough.

## F. Delegate Recognition and Speaking Time

Any delegate who is recognized by the chair shall provide name and state before speaking to a point under discussion. No member shall speak and/or be recognized in debate more than twice to the same question during the same meeting, nor longer than two (2) minutes at one time, unless permission is granted by majority vote of the Representative Assembly.

With the consent of the Representative Assembly, an NEA member who is not a delegate may address the Assembly.

## G. Yielding Speaking Time

A member may yield the microphone or speaking time to another delegate only for the unused portion of the allotted time, and only for the purpose for which the member was recognized.

## H. Closing Debate

No member speaking on a question may move to close debate.

A motion to close debate shall apply to no more than the single question immediately before the Representative Assembly. Before a motion to close debate will be considered, the Chair will recognize at least one speaker in support and one speaker in opposition if speakers have called in on the motion on the floor.

#### I. Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote (the counting of delegates by state delegations) shall be taken only after approval, by a standing vote, of one-third (1/3) of the delegates present. The doors shall be closed while a count is being taken. Supervision and counting of roll call votes shall be in the charge of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules.

If a roll call of state delegations is made in the Representative Assembly, the chairperson of each state delegation shall be responsible for taking an accurate poll of delegates present at the time of the vote and for transmitting a report to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules.

## J. Length of Remarks

Except for the keynote address by the President of the Association, and any address by the President of the United States, speakers delivering prepared speeches to the Representative Assembly should be advised that their remarks should be limited to 15 minutes.

## K. Motions Submitted in Writing

At the request of the presiding officer and/or a majority of the delegates, any amendment or main motion shall be in writing.

## L. Object to Consideration

The object to consideration motion shall be in order only immediately after the maker of the motion has had the opportunity to speak to it. A legislative amendment shall be subject to the motion to object to consideration as if it were a main motion.

#### M. Motion to Refer

The vote on a motion to refer shall be in order only after the maker of the original motion has been given the opportunity to speak to the referral.

When a motion is made to combine or bundle new business items for referral to committees, the chair shall ask the makers of each NBI if they support referral. The maker of each NBI shall be given one minute to explain whether they support or oppose referral.

## N. Suspension of a Standing Rule

By a motion from the floor, a Standing Rule may be suspended or amended without notice by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

#### O. Breaks

The NEA President will call for a one hour break on the second and third day of the Representative Assembly.

#### P. Contact E-Mail Address

Whenever a proposed Representative Assembly action is published, it shall include the name, state, and, with the express written consent of the contact person, the email address of said contact person.

## Rule 4. Reports

## A. Report Format

Reports of committees shall be in a format, prescribed by the President, which provides for a separation of explanatory, background, or introductory report information from any recommendations the Assembly is to act upon.

#### **B.** Availability

Copies of each report by a committee of the Association or of the Representative Assembly shall be made available to each member of the Assembly before or at the time of the presentation of such report.

#### C. Action

The adoption or acceptance of committee reports does not include approval of any requested appropriation.

## D. Report of the Committee on Program and Budget

Appropriation requests shall be considered by the Representative Assembly at the time of the adoption of the budget. The adoption of the budget shall be by vote of the Representative Assembly.

## E. Presentation of Report

Any person, chairperson, or member who is presenting a committee report shall not speak more than five (5) minutes unless permission is granted by majority vote of the Representative Assembly.

## Rule 5. Amendments to the NEA Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules

#### A. Amendments to Constitution

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules in writing and in accordance with Article IX, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution. Documentation of timely submission shall be the responsibility of the contact person for the amendment.

#### 1. Printing and Distribution

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall arrange proposed amendments to the Constitution so that they are sequential by article of the Constitution. Titles and texts of proposed amendments to the Constitution along with the name and state of the contact person shall be available upon request to any NEA member no later than ninety (90) days following adjournment of the Representative Assembly. The text of the proposed amendments shall be printed in an official publication sent to all members at least sixty (60) days prior to its consideration.

### B. Amendments to Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules in writing and in accordance with Article IX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution. Documentation of timely submission shall be the responsibility of the contact person for the amendment.

## 1. Printing and Distribution

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall arrange proposed amendments to the Bylaws sequentially by bylaw.

The text of proposed amendments to the Bylaws, along with the name and state of the contact person, shall be printed in an official publication sent to all members at least sixty (60) days prior to its consideration.

### 2. Bylaw Amendments Contingent on Adoption of Amendments to the Constitution

A proposed amendment to the Bylaws which is dependent upon adoption of a proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be deemed to have failed unless the proposed amendment to the Constitution is adopted.

## C. Amendments to Standing Rules

## 1. Proposal of Standing Rule Amendments

Amendments to the Standing Rules may be proposed to the Representative Assembly by one or more of the following methods:

- (a) **Petition of Delegates** petition signed by at least fifty (50) certified delegates and submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules for presentation to the Representative Assembly.
- (b) **State Delegation** a state delegation in the Representative Assembly whose concurrence in the proposed amendment is evidenced either by a majority vote of those delegates present and voting in such delegation at a regularly called meeting of

the delegation held in connection with the Annual Meeting or by petition signed by a majority of the members of such delegation. Proposals shall then be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules for presentation to the Representative Assembly.

- (c) **NEA Board of Directors** majority vote of the NEA Board of Directors and submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules for presentation to the Representative Assembly.
- (d) Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules a majority vote of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules.

#### 2. Time for Submission and Notice

- (a) **Deadline** a proposed amendment to the Standing Rules shall be presented in writing to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, postmarked and/or received by electronic communication, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days preceding the Annual Meeting.
- (b) **Submission Responsibility** documentation of timely submission shall be the responsibility of the contact person for the amendment.
- (c) **Publication** the text of the proposed amendment along with the name and state of the contact person shall be printed in an official publication sent to all members at least sixty (60) days prior to its consideration.
- (d) **Adoption** the Standing Rules may then be amended by the Representative Assembly by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting, by voice vote.

# 3. Adoption of a Standing Rule After Vote on Amendments to Constitution and/or Bylaws

Any amendment to the Standing Rules which is dependent upon adoption of a pending amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws and which was previously submitted pursuant to Standing Rule 5.C

shall be designated for vote following adoption of the contingent amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

## 4. Withdrawal of Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules

By motion of the contact person, an amendment to the Standing Rules may be withdrawn. Without objection, the chair shall rule that the amendment is withdrawn. If there is objection, a majority vote of the delegates shall be required for withdrawal of the amendment.

## D. Editing, Titles, and Discussion

#### 1. Editing

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be reviewed and, if necessary, edited by the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules.

The editing responsibilities of this committee shall include:

- (a) combining two or more amendments of a similar intent into a single amendment, if the final amendment is agreed to by the contact person for each group making the original amendments involved;
- (b) printing identical amendments as a single amendment with the contact persons of each listed with the amendments; and
- (c) dividing an amendment at the discretion of the committee and with the consent of the contact person to enable the component parts of an amendment to be voted upon independently of each other.

#### 2. Amendment Titles

Titles of amendments to both the Constitution and Bylaws shall summarize the intent of the amendment, including the significance of the deletions as well as the changes and/or additions. The titles shall be posted outside the voting area on the day the amendments are voted upon.

## 3. Open Hearing on Amendments to Governing Documents

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall hold an open hearing on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws at a time and place to be announced in the printed program. A representative of the petitioners shall be requested to attend the open hearing to explain the intent of a proposed amendment. The Representative Assembly shall discuss the proposed amendments prior to voting.

## Rule 6. New Business Items (NBI)

New business relating to substantive policies or programs for the Association shall be specific in nature and terminal in application, shall concern issues beyond one local area, and shall not call for NEA to do work that is already in progress. New business items that do not meet these criteria shall be ruled out of order.

The adoption of a new business item shall not include approval of any appropriations.

#### A. Submission

New business items shall be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the opening of the Representative Assembly at 4:00pm in the time zone of the host city to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules via a process communicated in advance to all delegates.

Revisions by the maker of a new business item may be submitted no later than three days prior to the opening of the Representative Assembly at 4:00pm in the time zone of the host city. Revisions must address the same issue as the original new business item but may include different actions reasonably related to the action in the original NBI. Revisions will replace the original submission and will become the main motion

NBIs shall be supported by one of the following, to be turned in no later than two hours before the opening of the first day of the Representative Assembly:

- (a) **Petition of Delegates** petition of at least fifty (50) delegates;
- (b) **State Delegation** a majority vote of those present and voting at a state delegation at a regularly called meeting of the delegation in connection with the Annual Meeting;
- (c) **Governance Body** a governance body of the NEA or a state or local affiliate; or
- (d) Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules pursuant to Rule 7.E. Amendments to proposed new business items may be submitted no later than (2) two hours before the opening of the Representative Assembly on the day on which the new business item is to be considered by the body.

#### B. Format

Each new business item shall be printed accompanied by the name of the submitting NEA, state, or local group and shall be accompanied by the name and state of the contact person.

Whenever a proposed Representative Assembly action is published, it shall include the name and state. A secure way to contact the maker that will not reveal individual delegates' contact information will be provided. New business items may include a separate rationale/background statement of no more than 40 words. Any new business item that contains an acronym or abbreviated term shall include the complete name for the acronym followed by the acronym in parentheses when it is first used in that new business item.

#### C. Distribution

## 1. Submitted Before the Representative Assembly

New business items submitted prior to May 1 shall be sent to the president and executive director of each state affiliate as soon as possible. Those items submitted after May 1 but prior to June 15 shall be included in the delegate packets given to delegates at registration.

#### 2. Submitted at the Representative Assembly

Submitted new business items shall be made available to the chairperson of each delegation on the following morning prior to the beginning of the Representative Assembly. Such material shall include a brief written rationale for each new business item.

## D. Duplicate New Business Items

When a new business item is submitted and the concept or action is being implemented or duplicates previous new business item positions approved by the Representative Assembly, the maker of the motion shall be advised where the duplication exists prior to the introduction on the floor of the Representative Assembly. The decision to submit or withdraw the new business item shall remain with the maker of the motion.

## E. Relating to Federal Legislation

Any new business item relating to federal legislation for the consideration of the Representative Assembly shall be treated as an amendment to the Legislative Program and shall be marked in the order received as legislative amendment 1, 2, and so forth.

## F. Submitted by the NEA Board of Directors

New business of the Association presented at the direction of the Board of Directors may be debated and acted upon at any business meeting of the Representative Assembly.

### G. Boycotts and Sanctions

New business relating to a boycott or sanction shall be referred to the Executive Committee. Prior to further action, NEA shall communicate with the state affiliate and local affiliate in which the affected company headquarters, organization, or governmental entity is located.

Affected state affiliates that do not concur with the recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding a boycott will be allowed to file a rebuttal position paper that will be circulated to the Board of Directors

together with the report of the Executive Committee. Further, the state president of any affected affiliate will be allowed time to address the Board of Directors before a vote is taken.

The Board of Directors shall act on the report of the Executive Committee or transmit it to the Representative Assembly. In making such referral, the Representative Assembly may take a position for or against the action proposed in the new business item. The Board shall implement this position unless, after consideration of legal and other relevant factors, it deems by two-thirds (2/3) vote that such implementation would not be in the best interest of the Association. If the Representative Assembly takes a position on the new business item, the Board of Directors shall act on it at its initial meeting of the new fiscal year. Information and rationale regarding the boycott or sanction shall be provided to the affected affiliate(s) prior to public notification.

#### H. Cost Estimates

A five (5) member committee shall be established to review new business items prior to and during the Representative Assembly. The committee shall consist of the secretary-treasurer, one (1) member of the Board of Directors elected by and from the Board, and three (3) delegates to the Representative Assembly appointed by the President. The committee shall review each new business item submitted and, without changing or eliminating any, shall (1) make a preliminary estimate of the cost of each item and (2) determine whether the item is covered in the program budget.

#### I. Duration

A new business item adopted by a Representative Assembly shall remain in effect (1) until a specified expiration date, or (2) until it is implemented, or (3) until it is rescinded by a subsequent Representative Assembly.

## J. Editing

The text of a new business item adopted by a Representative Assembly may be edited with the approval of the President provided no substantive changes are made and the final text is approved in writing by the mover and the seconder. This would include replacing references to K-12 or Pre-K- 12 with Pre-K-Graduate School.

## K. Implementation

During the program year of implementation, the mover of a new business item adopted by the Representative Assembly shall be advised about the steps being undertaken to accomplish its implementation.

## L. Impacting Regional Conferences<sup>11</sup>

Any proposed new business item that impacts the planning and organizing of an annual regional conference shall automatically be forwarded to the appropriate conference planning committee for consideration. The planning committee shall not be required to implement the new business item.

## M. Impacting the Representative Assembly

New business items which impact the conduct of subsequent Annual Meetings shall be processed as follows:

- (a) **Rejected** if the Representative Assembly rejects the new business item, no further action shall be taken.
- (b) Adopted if the Representative Assembly adopts the new business item, it shall be referred to the Annual Meeting Review Committee. The Annual Meeting Review Committee shall implement the new business item, unless, after consideration of legal, financial, and other relevant factors, it concludes that such implementation would not be in the best interest of the Association. In that event, the Annual Meeting Review Committee

<sup>&#</sup>x27;This section is no longer applicable. Regional conferences were removed from the NEA Strategic Plan and Budget in 2013.

shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding implementation of the new business item at or before the Board's February meeting, and the Board shall take such action as it deems appropriate. The action taken by the Board with regard to the new business item shall be reported to the next Representative Assembly, and the Representative Assembly shall take such action as it deems appropriate.

(c) Referred – if the Representative Assembly refers the new business item to the Annual Meeting Review Committee without taking a position for or against the new business item, the Annual Meeting Review Committee shall assess the new business item. Following such assessment, the Annual Meeting Review Committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding implementation at or before the Board's February meeting, and the Board shall take such action as it deems appropriate. The action taken by the Board with regard to the new business item shall be reported to the next Representative Assembly, and the Representative Assembly shall take such action as it deems appropriate

#### Rule 7. Resolutions Committee and Procedure

### A. Definition of Resolutions

Resolutions are formal expressions of opinion, intent, belief, or position of the Association.

They shall set forth general concepts in clear, concise language, shall be broad in nature, shall state the positions of the Association positively and without ambiguity, and shall be consistent with the goals of the Association as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

## **B.** Resolutions Committee

### 1. Composition

The Resolutions Committee shall consist of an Internal Editing Committee of five (5) members

and at least as many additional members from each state affiliate as the affiliate has NEA state directors, from among the retired delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly as the Retired members have NEA directors, and from among the Aspiring Educator members of the Association as the Aspiring Educator members have NEA directors. The chairperson, vice- chairperson, and secretary of the Internal Editing Committee shall serve as chairperson, vice- chairperson, and secretary of the full Resolutions Committee.

#### 2. Duties

The Resolutions Committee shall prepare and present to the Representative Assembly proposed resolutions for adoption. Proposed resolutions shall be printed and made available to delegates before action is scheduled thereon by the Representative Assembly. The form and text of each resolution shall be approved by the majority vote of the Resolutions Committee before presentation to the Representative Assembly provided, however, that a minority report may be presented to the Representative Assembly upon a one-third (1/3) favorable vote of the total Resolutions Committee's eligible voters.

Such minority report shall be printed with the majority report and shall be presented by the chairperson of the Resolutions Committee concurrently with the majority report. The chairperson of the Resolutions Committee shall present the report of the committee, together with any minority report, to the Representative Assembly for consideration at the time and place designated in the official program.

#### 3. Membership on the Resolutions Committee

(a) **State Delegations** – the registered delegates to the Representative Assembly from each state shall elect as many members and alternates to the Resolutions Committee from among the state and local delegates in the state delegation as each state has NEA state directors.

- (b) **NEA-Retired** the retired delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly shall elect as many members and alternates to the Resolutions Committee from among the retired delegates as the number of retired directors.
- (c) NEA Aspiring Educators the aspiring educator delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly shall elect as many members and alternates to the Resolutions Committee as the number of aspiring educator directors. Nominations of aspiring educator members to the Resolutions Committee shall be open to all eligible NEA Aspiring Educator members.
- (d) **At-Large** at-large members of the Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President as may be necessary to assure compliance with the requirements set forth in Article V, Section 1(d), (e), and (f) and that ethnic minorities comprise at least twenty (20) percent of the committee.

#### 4. Term of Office

The terms of members of the Resolutions Committee shall commence September 1. The terms of state, at-large, and retired members of the Resolutions Committee shall be for one (1) year, two (2) years, or three (3) years, and no person shall serve more than six (6) years as a state member, as an at-large member, or as a retired member. The terms of aspiring educator members of the Resolutions Committee shall be for one (1) year, and no person shall serve more than two (2) terms as an aspiring educator member. Service as a Resolutions Committee member prior to September 1, 2008, shall count toward the six (6) year and two (2) year term limits. A state, at-large, or retired member of the Resolutions Committee shall immediately relinquish the Resolutions position when such member ceases to be a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly.

#### 5. Election Procedure

Elections shall be by secret ballot. Voting shall be by those delegates present and shall take place at the third business meeting of the state delegations and by the retired and aspiring educator delegates at the time and place designated in the annual program by the President of the Association except as may otherwise be approved in advance by the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules. If the number of candidates for Resolutions Committee positions is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, elections may be waived, and the candidates declared elected to the positions in question. The report of election results shall be submitted on the proper form to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules before the close of the fifth business meeting of the Representative Assembly.

## 6. Challenge of an Election

A challenge to the election of a Resolutions Committee member shall be made to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules within twentyfour (24) hours after the challenger knew or reasonably should have known the basis for the challenge.

## 7. Vacancies Between Representative Assemblies

The procedure for filling vacancies on the Resolutions Committee between meetings of the Representative Assembly shall be as follows: If the number of vacancies exceeds the number of alternates elected to fill vacancies, additional alternates shall be appointed by the governing board of the state affiliate or by the NEA Advisory Committee of Aspiring Educators, if feasible, or appointed by the president of the state affiliate or the chairperson of the NEA Advisory Committee of Aspiring Educators. Retired member vacancies shall be filled as provided in the bylaws of NEA-Retired.

#### 8. Eligibility to Serve

The members elected from each state shall meet the requirements set forth in Article V, Section 1(a). Nominations of such state members shall be open except where limitations are required to comply with the provisions of Article V, Section 1(a). In the event that the first three (3) members from a state or the first three (3) retired members do not include at least one (1) ethnic minority, the fourth member shall be from an ethnic-minority group.

## 9. Continuing Membership

A member of the Resolutions Committee shall immediately relinquish the position held on the Resolutions Committee when such member ceases to be employed in the category represented.

## C. Internal Editing Committee

#### 1. Composition

The Internal Editing Committee shall be appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors for rotating terms of three (3) years. No person shall serve more than two (2) terms as a member of the Internal Editing Committee. The President shall annually appoint a chairperson from the Internal Editing Committee. Members of the Internal Editing Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The Internal Editing Committee shall select annually a vice-chairperson and a secretary from among its own membership. It shall meet prior to the opening meeting of the Representative Assembly to draft proposed resolutions.

#### 2. Duties

The functions of this committee shall be:

- (a) To submit verbatim to the Resolutions Committee the resolutions adopted by the previous Representative Assembly. Changes or amendments to these resolutions may be offered by this committee. Such changes will appear separately, attached to the original resolution.
- (b) To collect and categorize new resolutions. If clarification of a resolution seems necessary, the committee may make such changes.

The committee shall synthesize related resolutions into a common resolution where possible.

In the event of either of the above procedures, the committee will send the final resolution plus all resolutions from which it was prepared to the Resolutions Committee and the original drafter(s).

Controversial issues may have more than one (1) resolution sent to the full Resolutions Committee.

- (c) To draft new proposed resolutions.
- (d) To apply the definition of resolution set forth in Rule 7.A above to proposed amendments to resolutions and to new resolutions.
- (e) To review regularly the adopted resolutions of the Association to assure, among other things, their timeliness and internal consistency. The committee shall report its recommendations to the full Resolutions Committee for action.
- (f) To make such changes in the adopted resolutions of the Association as may be necessary to accommodate the positions taken in policy statements adopted by the Representative Assembly. Such changes shall be made promptly after the policy statements have been adopted and shall be reported to the Resolutions Committee for information at its winter meeting.

## D. Procedures for Submitting Resolutions

Resolutions from delegates or members designated for consideration by the Resolutions Committee at its winter meeting shall be submitted to the Executive Director or the chairperson of the Resolutions Committee or the members of the Resolutions Committee from their states.

The committee shall hold at least one (1) open hearing on proposed resolutions at a time and place to be announced in the printed program. The Resolutions Committee shall meet on a day prior to the open hearing and shall meet following the open hearing to consider any changes (additions, deletions, and/or amendments) it may wish to make in its report to the Representative Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee shall recommend a body of resolutions in its annual report to the Representative Assembly. These resolutions shall be presented for vote en masse.

The submission of all new resolutions and amendments to resolutions shall be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules no later than 4:00 pm in the time zone of the host city on the first day of the Representative Assembly. After 4 pm on the first day, only amendments to new resolutions or to resolutions amendments that have been properly submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall be in order. Amendments to proposed Resolutions amendments may be submitted no later than two hours before the opening of the Representative Assembly on the day on which the Resolutions are to be considered by the body.

All new resolutions to be submitted from the floor for consideration after timely advance submission to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules must have a majority of the vote to be placed on the agenda (heard) and a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass.

Resolutions submitted for consideration by the Representative Assembly shall be in writing on the forms provided, signed by the maker and the seconder of the motion.

The consideration of the NEA resolutions shall commence with the goal area containing the final resolution debated at the preceding Representative Assembly. Resolutions adopted by a Representative Assembly shall continue in force until the next Representative Assembly acts upon the report of the Resolutions Committee.

All resolutions adopted by the NEA Representative Assembly shall be publicized as official NEA resolutions.

#### E. Submission of Resolution as New Business

Between Representative Assemblies, any current resolution in whole or in part that is jointly determined to be a new business item by the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and the Internal Editing Committee shall be submitted for vote to the next Representative Assembly.

## Rule 8. Amendments to the Legislative Program

Legislative amendments shall be considered as amendments to the main motion on the Legislative Program and shall be discussed at the time that the Representative Assembly acts on the Legislative Program.

#### A. Submission

Legislative amendments shall be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules no later than 4:00pm in the time zone of the host city on the first day of the Representative Assembly and shall be submitted by:

- **1. Petition of Delegates** petition of at least fifty (50) delegates;
- **2. State Delegation** a majority vote of those present and voting at a state delegation at a regularly called meeting of the delegation in connection with the Annual Meeting; or
- **3. Governance Body** a governance body of a state or local affiliate.

Amendments to proposed legislative amendments may be submitted no later than two hours before the opening of the Representative Assembly on the day on which the Legislative Program is to be considered by the body.

#### **B.** Format

Each legislative amendment shall be printed accompanied by the name of the submitting state or local group and shall be accompanied by the name and state of the contact person.

### C. Distribution

1. Submitted Before the Representative Assembly – legislative amendments submitted prior to May 1 shall be sent to the president and executive director of each state affiliate as soon as possible. Those amendments submitted after May 1 but prior to June 15 shall be included in the delegate packets given to delegates at registration.

2. Submitted at the Representative Assembly – submitted legislative amendment material shall be made available to the chairperson of each delegation on the following morning prior to the beginning of the Representative Assembly. Such material shall include a brief written rationale for each legislative amendment.

## Rule 9. Policy Statements

## A. Purpose

A policy statement shall set forth NEA's positions with regard to a particular subject, and may include expressions of opinion, intent, or belief; may call for actions that are specific in nature and terminal in application; and may indicate support for or opposition to federal legislation.

## B. Submission and Consideration of Proposed Policy Statements

A proposed policy statement may be submitted to the Representative Assembly only by the Board of Directors. The proposed policy statement, together with the committee report upon which it is based, shall be sent to delegates in the advance mailing for the Annual Meeting. Committee reports, including proposed policy statements and other recommendations, shall be sent to the Committee on Legislation and the Resolutions Committee at the same time they are sent to the Board of Directors.

A proposed policy statement shall be presented to the Representative Assembly for consideration at the time designated in the official program.

## C. Effect of Adopted Policy Statements

If a policy statement is adopted by the Representative Assembly, any resolution, new business item, or provision in the Legislative Program that deals with the subject addressed in the policy statement shall be editorially changed to accommodate the positions taken in the policy statement. Any resolution, new business item, or provision in the Legislative Program that deals

with a subject addressed in an adopted policy statement shall be accompanied by a notation indicating that NEA's position with regard to the subject in question is set forth in full in the policy statement and that the policy statement is controlling and supersedes all other NEA pronouncements dealing with that subject.

An adopted policy statement shall continue in force unless and until further action is taken with regard to that policy statement by a subsequent Representative Assembly.

## D. Amending Adopted and Proposed Policy Statements

The Executive Committee shall review all adopted policy statements each year to assure that they continue to serve the contemporary needs and interests of NEA. In conducting this review, the Executive Committee may seek input from NEA members, affiliates, and constituency groups.

The Executive Committee shall report the results of its review, including any recommendations that the Executive Committee may wish to make for amending the adopted policy statements, to the Board of Directors at the Board's May meeting. Any amendments to the adopted policy statements approved by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Representative Assembly for action.

The Committee on Legislation and the Resolutions Committee shall submit to the Board of

Directors in advance of the Board's May meeting any proposed amendments to adopted or proposed policy statements adopted pursuant to their regular committee work, including regular open hearings at which members of the Association may submit proposed amendments to policy statements.

A Preliminary Report on Policy Statements, including a copy of all adopted and proposed policy statements, including any amendments approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the Representative Assembly, shall be sent to delegates in the advance mailing for the Annual Meeting.

Amendments to adopted and proposed policy statements may be submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules no later than 4:00pm in the time zone of the host city on the first day of the Representative Assembly by (1) petition of at least fifty (50) delegates, (2) a majority vote of those present and voting at a state delegation at a regularly called meeting of the delegation in connection with the Annual Meeting, (3) a governance body of a state or local affiliate, or (4) the Committee on Legislation and the Resolutions Committee. These amendments will be distributed in writing to the delegates prior to consideration of policy statements by the Representative Assembly. Amendments to proposed Policy Statement amendments may be submitted no later than two hours before the opening of the Representative Assembly on the day on which Policy Statements are to be considered by the body.

If a new business item, an amendment to the Legislative Program, or an amendment to a resolution that is submitted to the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules would have the effect of changing a position taken in an adopted or a proposed policy statement, the Committee shall treat the submission as an amendment to the policy statement, and it shall be acted upon when policy statements are being considered by the Representative Assembly.

Amendments to adopted and proposed policy statements shall be considered by the Representative Assembly at the time designated in the official program. The Representative Assembly shall deal with proposed policy statements first, and then shall deal with amendments to adopted policy statements. In this latter regard, the Representative Assembly shall deal with each adopted policy statement separately, acting first on any amendments to the policy statement in question submitted by the Board of Directors, and then acting on any other amendments to that policy statement.

## Rule 10. Elections for State, Retired, and Aspiring Educator Directors

## A. Reporting Campaign Expenses

The following procedure shall apply in regard to elections for NEA office that do not take place at the Representative Assembly: Using forms provided by the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, each candidate for state, retired, or aspiring educator director shall file a final report of campaign revenues and expenses with the state association president, the President of NEA-Retired, or the Chairperson of the NEA Advisory Committee of Aspiring Educators, as the case may be, or a designee. Such report must be filed no later than thirty (30) days following certification of the result of the election, and a copy of the report shall be submitted to NEA together with the notice of certification of the result of the election.

#### B. Certification of Election of NEA Director

On a form provided by the NEA, the president of a state affiliate shall certify by May 20 the election of any director elected to assume office the following September 1. The president of a state affiliate shall certify the election of a person elected to complete an unexpired term on the NEA Board of Directors as soon as possible after such election. In the event the certifying officer is in fact the elected NEA Board member, the next ranking state officer shall certify the election report.

## Rule 11. Elections Conducted at the Representative Assembly

#### A. Elections Committee

#### 1. Composition

The Board of Directors, on the basis of recommendations from the state affiliates, shall appoint a chairperson and at least twenty (20) members of an Elections Committee. The chairperson and members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

#### 2. Duties

The committee shall be responsible for the conduct of elections and any other items on which votes are taken by printed ballots.

#### **B.** Procedures

### 1. Filing

Each candidate for election at the Representative Assembly must file with the executive director no later than at the time of nomination a certificate of eligibility, and the executive director shall verify such certification. Distribution and display of campaign literature shall be restricted to the year of the nominee's candidacy.

#### 2. Advance Publicity

Candidates for executive office or membership on the Executive Committee may file their intention in writing with the executive director of the NEA, along with a picture and candidate statement. The executive director of the NEA shall publish in an NEA publication sent to Active members the picture and candidate statement of each candidate who has filed and presented such statement by March 15. The eligibility of such candidates shall be verified prior to publication.

The Association shall mail to all delegates a brochure, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, for each candidate for executive office or membership on the Executive Committee with the

candidate's approval. Subject to legal requirements, the content of the brochure shall be determined by the candidate, who shall provide the Association with camera-ready art for the brochure. Such artwork shall be received at the NEA headquarters building no later than May 1. The Association shall pay printing, mailing, and handling costs for such brochure.

In the event a candidate chooses to have printed a brochure for distribution to all delegates in the one-time mailing, the brochure shall be one (1) page, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches; shall be supplied in sufficient number for all delegates; and shall be received at NEA Headquarters by May 15. There shall be no charge to such candidates for inclusion in the mailing.

#### 3. Campaign Materials

No campaign materials may be distributed, posted, or displayed within the seating area of the auditorium or where they are visible from the seating area while the Representative Assembly is in session, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the wearing of T-shirts, hats, pins, buttons, and the like.

No campaign materials or materials promoting passage or defeat of any Constitutional or Bylaw amendment, including T-shirts, hats, pins, buttons, and the like, shall be distributed, posted, or displayed at the polling places or where they are visible from the polling places on election day.

#### 4. Campaign Expenses

- (a) Prohibitions no money or resources of NEA, an NEA affiliate, a labor organization, an employer, or an entity created or controlled by any of the above, shall be used to promote the candidacy of any individual for an NEA office.
- (b) Reporting the following procedure shall apply in regard to elections for NEA office that take place at the Representative Assembly: Using forms provided by the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, each candidate shall file a preliminary report of campaign revenues and expenses, including projected revenues and expenses, with the committee prior to the opening of nominations at the Representative Assembly. A final report, on the forms provided by the committee, must be filed with the committee no later than thirty (30) days following certification of the election results. The committee shall report to the Representative Assembly, prior to any nominations or elections, whether any candidate has in any manner violated the election rules

and regulations. The final report of campaign revenues and expenditures shall be made available for inspection by any member by means of an appropriate NEA electronic or printed publication.

## 5. Notification of NEA At-Large Director Positions

Prior to June 1, notification of the number and type of at-large positions necessary to fulfill the requirements of Article V, Section 1 of the NEA Constitution shall be sent to the executive officers, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, state presidents, state executive directors, members of the Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee, and individuals who have notified NEA of intention to run for those positions.

#### 6. Nominations

Nominations shall be made in writing, via a form provided by the NEA Center for Governance, no later than 4:00 p.m. in the time zone of the host city on June 15.

- (a) Nominations, as appropriate in each year, shall be announced to the body during the first business session in the following order:
  - i. president;
  - ii. vice president;
  - iii. secretary-treasurer;
  - iv. members of the Executive Committee;
  - at-large representatives of classroom teachers in higher education on the Board of Directors;
  - vi. at-large representatives of administrators on the Board of Directors;
  - vii. at-large representatives of Active members employed in education support professional positions on the Board of Directors;
  - viii. at-large representatives of ethnic minorities on the Board of Directors. The time of nominations of at-large ethnic-minority candidates, if necessary to achieve twenty

(20) percent ethnic-minority representation on the Executive Committee as provided for by Article VI, Section 1(c) of the Constitution, shall be announced by the President contingent upon other nominations and/or balloting for Executive Committee positions.

- (b) Nominations for each category shall be made in an order determined by a drawing by the candidates or their designees.
- (c) Consistent with the requirements set forth in Rule 11.B.7, each candidate shall be nominated by written motion of a delegate to the Representative Assembly. When all nominations have been announced, each candidate or designee shall have an allotment of time to address the Representative Assembly. Candidates for the office of president shall be given five (5) minutes for this purpose. Candidates for vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and the Executive Committee shall be given three (3) minutes. Candidates for at-large positions on the Board of Directors shall be given two (2) minutes.
- (d) Candidates or their designees shall speak in an order determined by a drawing by the candidates or their designees.
- (e) If the number of candidates nominated equals the number of positions to be filled, the chair shall declare such candidates elected.
- (f) The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules shall be in charge of timing all speakers. Each speaker shall be given a one (1) minute warning before the time has elapsed, and the timekeeper shall stand at the end of the allotted time.

### 7. Voting Procedures

Elections shall be by printed ballot by the delegates to the Representative Assembly.

(a) The names of the candidates shall be placed on the first ballot in the order determined by lottery by the candidates or their designees; on subsequent

ballots the order also shall be determined by lottery by the candidates or their designees.

The candidates or their designees shall assemble on a date and time designated by the chairperson of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules. The lottery shall be held under the supervision of the chairperson of the Elections Committee and in the presence of the chairperson of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules or designee.

In the event that a candidate or designee fails to appear at the appointed time and place, the chairperson of the Elections Committee shall draw for that candidate.

The order of the lottery shall be as follows: For placement on the first ballot, the candidates shall draw in order determined alphabetically by the states of the candidates. For placement on a runoff ballot, the candidates shall draw in order of the highest number of votes received on the previous ballot.

(b) Elections on the first ballot shall be on the second day of the Representative Assembly. Polls for voting on the first ballot shall be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on election day at such place or places as the President may designate.

On the first ballot, delegates shall vote for positions as follows:

- i. Executive officers (as appropriate for that year);
- ii. Members (as appropriate for that year) to serve on the Executive Committee;
- iii. Representatives of classroom teachers in higher education, if necessary, on the Board of Directors;
- iv. Representatives of administrators, if necessary, on the Board of Directors;
- Representatives of Active members employed in education support professional positions, if necessary, on the Board of Directors; and
- vi. Representatives of ethnic minorities, if necessary, on the Board of Directors.
- (c) Runoff elections shall be held as necessary until there is an election for each position by a majority

vote. Notice of runoff elections shall be given by the chairperson of the Elections Committee from the platform during a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Representative Assembly. The chairperson of the Elections Committee shall set, subject to approval by the Representative Assembly, the hours for all runoff elections. The chairperson of the Elections Committee shall authorize a runoff election by mail ballot of the certified delegates, if it becomes necessary, to assure elections by majority vote.

- (d) Administrators shall be nominated by administrator delegates and elected by majority vote of all delegates if necessary to achieve administrator representation on the Board of Directors as provided for by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- (e) Classroom teachers in higher education shall be nominated by such delegates and elected by majority vote of all delegates if necessary to achieve classroom teachers in higher education representation on the Board of Directors as provided by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- (f) Active members employed in education support professional positions shall be nominated by such delegates and elected by majority vote of all delegates if necessary to achieve such representation on the Board of Directors as provided for by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- (g) Ethnic-minority persons shall be elected by majority vote of all delegates if necessary to achieve at least twenty (20) percent ethnic-minority representation on the Board of Directors as provided by Article V, Section 1(c) of the Constitution. The number of positions to be voted upon shall be equal to the number required to assure a minimum of twenty (20) percent ethnic-minority representatives on the Board of Directors (excluding the ex officio members) without

- counting the number of ethnic-minority persons who may be elected at large in the same year to achieve the required proportion of administrators, classroom teachers in higher education, and Active members employed in education support professional positions on the Board.
- (h) Ethnic-minority persons shall be elected by majority vote of all delegates if necessary to achieve twenty (20) percent ethnic-minority representation on the Executive Committee as provided for by Article VI, Section 1(c) of the Constitution.
- (i) Voting on amendments shall be open on a date and for a window of time as the President shall designate and announce in advance to delegates. Each delegate shall receive a URL linked to their unique ballot at the beginning of the voting window.
- (j) The chairperson of the Elections Committee shall present the report of each balloting by vote tally to the Representative Assembly. In the event that each of two or more incompatible amendments receives the required number of votes, the amendment receiving the greatest number of votes shall prevail.
- (k) As soon as the results of an election are certified, all business of the Representative Assembly shall be suspended until the results are reported to the Representative Assembly.
- (l) Following the oral report of the results of balloting to the Representative Assembly, the certified results shall be posted at the voting booths, displayed electronically to the Assembly hall, and printed in the next edition of the Representative Assembly newspaper.
- (m) The Representative Assembly shall not recess until the results of the election are certified and presented to the Assembly on the day of an election.

#### 8. Tenure

Officers chosen shall continue in office through August 31 of the final year of the term for which they were elected, or until their successors are chosen in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.

## Rule 12. Operating Procedures

#### A. Distribution of Materials

General distribution of any type of printed material in the auditorium and adjacent lobbies (within one hundred [100] feet) of the auditorium in which the Annual Meeting is held shall require clearance with the chairperson of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules. Identification of source and sponsorship shall be printed on such materials. Clearance is not required for official NEA reports or for distribution of materials by chairpersons of state delegations to their own delegates.

## B. Exhibit and Fundraising Areas

The following rules shall apply to the use of exhibit and fundraising areas at the NEA Annual Meeting:

- (a) NEA affiliates, delegates, and caucuses shall be permitted to use the exhibit and fundraising areas to distribute material or disseminate information related to the Association's agenda, including material or information that is contrary to or advocates a change in NEA policy. The material distributed or information disseminated may be prepared by the affiliates, delegates, and caucuses themselves, or the affiliates, delegates, and caucuses may distribute material or disseminate information prepared by groups external to the Association.
- (b) Groups external to the Association shall be permitted to use the exhibit area to distribute

material or disseminate information related to the Association's agenda, provided that such material is not contrary to or does not advocate a change in NEA policy.

- (c) Groups that do not adhere to NEA policies and resolutions on nondiscrimination shall not be permitted to use the exhibit area to distribute material or disseminate information of any kind.
- (d) The Association may prohibit the distribution of any material or the dissemination of any information that is disruptive or offensive (i.e., obscene or in bad taste).

#### C. Prohibitions

## 1. Smoking

There shall be no smoking in the Representative Assembly or in any area or line where delegates are required to be in order to carry out their responsibilities.

## 2. Alcoholic Beverages

There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Representative Assembly.

### 3. Drawings or Giveaways

There shall be no drawings or giveaways conducted during the Annual Meeting in which delegates must be present to win except for those designed to motivate delegates to attend business meetings or properly scheduled caucuses.

## Rule 13. Definition of Terms

The following terms, when used in the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Standing Rules, shall have these definitions:

## A. Open Nomination Procedure

Open nomination procedure shall mean a procedure by which every eligible NEA member shall have the

opportunity to nominate any NEA member who meets the qualifications for the elective position; subject, however, to any limitations required in the NEA Constitution and Bylaws and also to any other reasonable restrictions uniformly imposed.

#### **B. Secret Ballot**

Secret ballot shall mean a procedure for voting on slips of paper (or via a voting machine) on which the voter may mark the vote in secrecy.

#### C. One-Person—One-Vote

One-person—one-vote principle shall mean a voting procedure by which the vote of each member of the constituency has equal weight, so that in the elected governing body each delegate represents approximately the same number of constituents as each and every other delegate.

## D. Election by Secret Ballot by Individual Position

Election by secret ballot for each individual position shall mean that slate voting shall not be permitted.

#### E. Runoff Elections

Runoff elections shall mean a voting procedure as follows: In an election by the Representative Assembly, if a sufficient number of candidates has not achieved a majority of the valid ballots cast, another election shall be held and the runoff ballot shall list those unsuccessful candidates who, arranged in decreasing order of votes received, obtained a majority of the votes cast in the previous election. In the event that this procedure would not provide at least one more candidate than the number of remaining positions to be filled, then the runoff ballot shall list those candidates who, in descending order, received the highest number of votes on the previous ballot (though not elected), listing one more candidate than the number of positions to be filled.

#### F. Valid Ballot

In the case of elections at the Representative Assembly, a valid ballot shall be a ballot (1) cast by a credentialed delegate for a person nominated for the office, (2) cast for no more than the maximum number of positions to be filled, and (3) cast in a manner that clearly indicates the voter's choice. In the case of a vote by the Representative Assembly on any issue placed on a ballot, a valid ballot shall be a ballot clearly cast for or against this issue.

## G. Campaign Materials

Campaign materials shall mean any document, electronic transmission, object, or other material that has the purpose or effect of promoting the candidacy of an individual for NEA office, and shall include, by way of illustration and without limitation, billboards, newspaper advertisements, audio-visual materials, emails, brochures, position papers, buttons, pins, articles of clothing, candy, posters, banners, signs, fans, pens, announcements, and invitations.

## **Voting for Officers**

#### I. General Information

#### II. Election of Executive Officers

This year, the Representative Assembly will elect two members of the Executive Committee for three year terms. The following candidates have filed for the two Executive Committee seats (listed in order of filing).

Executive Committee, two positions  Gladys Marquez  Ron Duff Martin  Ashanti Rankin  Mark Airgood  Tania Kappner			
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Constitutional Amendments (Requiring a 2/3 Majority Vote for Adoption)			
	YES	NO	
No. 1			
No. 2			
No. 3			
Bylaw Amendments (Requiring a Majority Vote for Adoption)			
	YES	NO	
No. 1			
No. 2			
No. 3			
No. 4			

## Candidates for NEA Office

NEA is publishing and distributing the candidate statements for candidates for Executive Committee seats as a service to its members in order to ensure a fully informed electorate. All candidates were provided with an equal opportunity to submit statements to NEA for publication. Each of these statements was prepared by the candidate and solely reflects the views and opinions of the candidate, and not those of NEA or its affiliates. The candidate is solely responsible for his or her statement.

Candidates appear in the order in which they filed for office.

## Candidates for NEA Executive Office (2 Positions)

#### Gladys Marquez

Gladys Márquez is an energetic, goal-oriented, educator with 27 years of experience educating ELL students in Illinois. She is a union activist, community advocate, and organizational leader whose experience has helped advance educational policy and amplify our organizational work in the areas of social and racial justice. Her vision for the association centers on the belief that all students deserve access to a great public education. Her goal if re-elected as NEA Executive Committee member is to continue to create new and innovative ways of organizing to advance our collective mission. Gladys often says her "North Star" is organizing to leave the world better for future generations. Her commitment and track record of activism attests to her dedication to our nation's students and communities.

#### **Ronald Duff Martin**

Ron DUFF Martin is seeking your support for re-election to the NEA Executive Committee. A middle school social studies teacher from Wisconsin, Duff has previously served on the NEA Board of Directors, Co-Chaired

the Ethnic Minorities Affairs Committee, and served as President of the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC). Currently, as a valued member of the NEA Executive Committee, Duff has used his extensive leadership experience at all levels of our organization to advocate for our greatest strength in our union – our local associations. He will continue to work to empower the next generation of leaders, protect our public schools, advocate for unions, and will never stop fighting for racial and social justice for all of our students and our members.

#### Ashanti Rankin

'Ashanti Ashanti Ashanti' is a facilitative leader and Public Educator; who strives to be more than 'just a para'. He strives to amplify all voices from Aspiring Educators, Public Employees, Higher Ed, Educational Support Professionals, Administrators, Teachers, Substitutes and Retirees from the National Education Association.

'Ashanti Ashanti Ashanti' aspires to continue his leadership growth with other great leaders to complete the desiloing of NEA, improve authentic and productive engagement between NEA affiliates (includes 'members in name' having positive first experiences with NEA leadership).

"We are only as strong as the least strong link"

Our profession(s)has been devalued due to the corporate nature of Education and public services. Securing our profession(s), academic freedom and actualizing 'day one to retirement with sustainable benefits.'

#### Mark Airgood

Elect Mark Airgood! Vote EON/BAMN for the NEA Executive Committee. The NEA must be a leader in the independent anti-war and civil rights movement. Defend our union and public education. Demonstrations are sweeping campuses across the U.S. and internationally against the genocide in Gaza and in support of the Palestinian struggle. I am committed to building this movement and the integrated, militant, mass action

that unites our struggles for public education with the social justice movements of black, Latina/o/x, and other oppressed communities. President Biden's policies on Palestine and immigration risk important sections of the Democratic Party base staying home. Only an independent mass movement can end the genocide in Gaza and prevent a second Trump term.

### Tania Kappner

I'm running for NEA Executive Committee because NEA must be a leader, not follow the politicians in the fight for public education. NEA can be key to defending democracy in this nation if we look to own power and take independent action. I fight hard for members and students, and mobilize for a strong union. I've built and led numerous demonstrations and work actions. I take on the Trump movement by fighting against racism. I mobilize for Palestinian rights and for academic freedom. I'll build the anti-war movement and stand up against the genocide. I'm a civil rights, immigrant rights, LGBT+ and women's rights, and Covid safety activist. I mobilize intransigently to defend public education. Stand up for a strong union! Vote EON/BAMN!

# **Annual Meeting Committees**

# Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules

Elizabeth Nahl, *Chair*, Hillsboro, Oregon Andrea Beeman, Maple Heights, Ohio Rudy Burruss, State College, Pennsylvania Shelly Moore Krajacic, Kenosha, Wisconsin Teresa Meredith, Franklin, Indiana Sabrina Tines-Morris, *NEA staff liaison* Tom Brenner, *NEA staff liaison* 

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules is seated at the front of the hall during all business meetings of the Representative Assembly. The committee receives and processes proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules; supervises the submission and processing of new business; supervises the timing of speeches and roll call votes; consults with delegates who wish to present amendments to the governing documents or to submit new business items; and issues advisory interpretations upon request of the chair on questions arising from the floor. Prior to the Representative Assembly, the committee holds an open hearing for discussion of proposed amendments and briefs the candidates for office.

### Credentials

Laura Warren, Lebanon, Oregon, chairperson E Toby Boyd, Sacramento, California Iona Holloway, La Place, Louisiana Maureen Honan, Connecticut Mary Ann Rivera, Illinois Keira McNett, NEA staff liaison

### Elections

Charles Smith, Kansas City, Missouri, *chairperson* Therman Evans, *NEA staff liaison* 

The Elections Committee, composed of at least 20 members and a chairperson appointed by the Board of

Directors on the basis of recommendations from the state affiliates, is responsible for conducting the annual election of officers and any other items on which votes are taken by printed ballot.

### Resolutions

### **EDITING COMMITTEE**

James Henderson, Windsor Mill, Maryland Jeremy Bort, Renton, Washington Theresa Flood, Collegeville, Pennsylvania Ashley Olson, Lahaina, Hawaii Christi Sitz, Chugiak, Alaska Sabrina Tines-Morris, NEA staff liaison Paul Birkmeier, NEA staff liaison

Resolutions are formal expressions of opinion, intent, belief, or position of the Association. They shall set forth general concepts in clear, concise language, shall be broad in nature, shall state the positions of the Association positively and without ambiguity, and shall be consistent with the goals of the Association as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution. NEA resolutions—organized in goal areas lettered A through J—are adopted by the Representative Assembly.

The Summary of Winter Committee Meeting Actions is posted on www.nea.org/ra in advance of the Representative Assembly. This summary includes all committee recommendations it has made through its winter meeting on February 24–25.

Delegates wishing to submit a new resolution or an amendment to a resolution may do so by visiting the 2024 RA Business Submission Site on www.nea.org/ra.

The Resolutions Committee conducts a virtual open hearing for delegates on Tuesday, June 18 to discuss the development of its final report and receive for its consideration any additional proposals submitted by delegates. The committee will contact delegates regarding any proposed changes received on the 2024 RA Business Submission Site prior to the open hearing.

After the hearing the committee convenes on Tuesday—Wednesday, July 2–3 to prepare the *Report of the NEA Resolutions Committee* which contains all proposed amendments it has approved for consideration at the Representative Assembly. The report is posted on www.nea.org/ra and distributed to delegates on the morning of the first day of the RA. Resolutions contained in the committee's final report represent all recommendations of the committee.

After the Resolutions Committee has conducted its open hearing and published its report, delegates wishing to submit a new resolution or an amendment to a resolution through the RA Submission Site must do so no later than 4:00 pm on the first day of the Representative Assembly (Thursday, July 4). A delegate may propose an amendment to a resolution contained in the committee's final report, or to any existing resolution contained in the 2023-2024 NEA Resolutions document. A delegate may also propose a new resolution. A new resolution submitted by a delegate from the floor of the Representative Assembly must have a majority of the vote to be placed on the agenda (heard) and a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass. Submissions are posted on www.nea.org/ ra. After 4:00 pm on the first day of the Representative Assembly, floor amendments to new resolutions and floor amendments to resolutions amendments posted on www.nea.org/ra must be submitted not later than two hours before the opening of the Representative Assembly on the day on which resolutions are to be considered by delegates. All items must be submitted electronically as instructed on the online platform provided.

Proposed amendments will be considered beginning with the goal area containing the final resolution debated at the last Representative Assembly during which resolutions were considered. The committee's report to the 2024 Representative Assembly will begin with Goal Area A and proceed through B, C, D, and so forth. The definition of an NEA resolution; composition, election, and duties of the Resolutions Committee; and procedures for submitting resolutions are set forth in NEA Standing Rule 7.

# State Delegations

(Most meetings are in-person)

# **Delegation Meetings**

### Alabama Education Association

Notary Hotel (Juniper) July 3: 7:30–9 am; July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

### Alaska-NEA

Pennsylvania Convention Center (Room 111B) July 3: 8 am-Noon; July 4-7: 7:30-9 am

### Arizona Education Association

Philadelphia Marriott Old City (Ballroom AB) July 3: Noon-5 pm; July 4-7: 7-9 am

### **Arkansas Education Association**

Pennsylvania Convention Center (Room 112A) July 3: 8–9 am; July 4–7: 8–9 am

### California Teachers Association

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Grand Ballroom, Salon E-L) July 3: 1–3 pm; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Colorado Education Association

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Franklin Hall 1-3) July 3: 9 am-2 pm; July 4-7: 8-9 am

### Connecticut Education Association

Le Meridien Philadelphia (Trumbauer Grand Ballroom) July 3: 9 am–12 Noon; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### **Delaware State Education Association**

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Rooms 401-403) July 3: 1–3 pm; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Federal Education Association

Element Hotel (Sessions 2/3) July 3: 8–9 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Florida Education Association

Hilton at Penn's Landing (Grand Ballroom) July 3: 9 am-Noon; July 4-7: 7:30-9 am

### Georgia Association of Educators

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Independence Ballroom) July 3: Noon-3:30 pm; July 4-7: 7-9 am

### Hawaii State Teachers Association

Hampton Inn Center City (Ballroom) July 3: 9–11 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### **Idaho Education Association**

Sheraton University City (Ben Franklin I) July 3: 8–11 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Illinois Education Association

Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A-B) July 3: 7:30 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7:30–9:30 am

## **Indiana State Teachers Association**

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Liberty Ballroom) July 4–7: 7:30–9:30 am

## **Iowa State Education Association**

Kimpton Hotel Palomar (Burnham Ballroom) July 3: 8:30 am-11:30 am; July 4-7: 7-9 am

### **Kansas NEA**

Pennsylvania Convention Center (Room 113AB) July 3: 8:30 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7:30–9:30 am

# **Kentucky Education Association**

Hyatt Centric Center City (The Alexander Ballroom) July 3: 9 am-Noon; July 4-7: 7-9 am

## Louisiana Association of Educators

Hilton at Penn's Landing (Virtual Meeting) July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Maine Education Association

Kimpton Hotel Monaco (Johannesburg South) July 3: 10 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# Maryland Education Association

DoubleTree Philadelphia Center City (Ormandy Ballroom) July 3: 10–11:30 am; July 4–7: 7–9:30 am

### **Massachusetts Teacher Association**

Sonesta Philadelphia (Wyeth Ballroom) July 3: 9–10:30 am; July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

# Michigan Education Association

Live! Casino (Market Ballroom) July 3: 6–8:30 pm (immediately after caucus dinner); July 4: 7–8:30 am; July 5–7: 7–9 am

# Minnesota Education Association

DoubleTree Philadelphia Center City (Symphony Ballroom) July 3: 8–9 am; July 5: 7–8 am; July 6–7: 7:30–9 am

# Mississippi Association of Educators

Hyatt Centric Center City (The Jackson) July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Missouri NEA

Hilton at Penn's Landing (Columbus Ballroom AB) July 3: 9 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

# Montana Federation of Public Employees

Sheraton University City (University I) July 3: 9–11 am; July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

### **Nebraska State Education Association**

Hilton at Penn's Landing (Discovery Room) July 3: 8 am-Noon; July 4-7: 7-9 am

### Nevada State Education Association

Wyndham Historic District (Betsy Ross II) July 3: 9 am–1 pm; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# **New Hampshire Education Association**

Hilton Garden Inn Center City (Franklin 1-2) July 4–7: 7–9 am

# **New Jersey Education Association**

Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall) July 3: 8 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### New Mexico-NEA

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Rooms 411-412) July 3: 9 am-Noon; July 4-7: 7-9 am

### **New York State Education Association**

Kimpton Hotel Monaco (Lafayette Ballroom) July 3: 12:30–2:30 pm; July 4–7: 8–9 am

# North Carolina Association of Educators

Sheraton University City (Fairmount Suite) July 3: 10 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# North Dakota United

Sheraton University City (William Penn 2) July 3: 6:30–9 am; July 4–7: 6:30–9 am

### **Ohio Education Association**

Loews Philadelphia (Regency Ballroom) July 3: 8–10 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# **Oklahoma Education Association**

Sofitel Hotel (Paris Ballroom) July 3: 7:30–9:30 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

## **Oregon Education Association**

Sheraton University City (Ben Franklin 2-5) July 3: 8 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# Pennsylvania State Education Association

W Hotel (Great Room) July 3: 8–10 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

## Rhode Island-NEA

Logan Hotel (Monticello Room) July 3: 9:30–11 am; July 4–7: 8–9 am

## **South Carolina Education Association**

Notary Hotel (Rittenhouse) July 3: 1–3 pm; July 4–7: 7:30–9:30 am

### South Dakota Education Association

Sheraton University City (William Penn I) July 3: 8:30 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### Tennesse Education Association

Westin Philadelphia (Grand Ballroom, Salon I) July 3: 8–11 am; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# **Texas State Teachers Associaiton**

Wyndham Historic District (Franklin/Jefferson) July 3: 1–5 pm; July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

# **Utah Education Association**

Logan Hotel (Mount Vernon Room) July 3: 9 am–Noon; July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

### Vermont NEA

Logan Hotel (Grange) July 3: 3–5 pm; July 4–7: 7–9 am

# Virginia Education Association

Inn @ Penn (Woodlands ABCD) July 4–7: 7:30–9 am

# Washington Education Association

Philadelphia Marriott Old City (Ballroom CDE) July 3: 9 am-1 pm; July 4-7: 7-9 am

# West Virginia Education Association

Aloft Philadelphia (Exchange) July 3: 7–9 pm; July 4–7: 7–9 am

### **Wisconsin Eduction Association Council**

Notary Hotel (Grand Ballroom 2&3) July 3: 11:30 am-1:30 pm; July 4-7: 7-9 am

# **Wyoming Education Association**

Sheraton University City (University 2) July 4–7: 7–9 am

# **Annual Meeting Services**

# Pennsylvania Convention Center

## Caucus Information (Special Interest)

Information on caucus meetings and activities is posted on caucus announcement boards and on NEA's Digital Signage located around the convention center.

# Child Care Center/Camp NEA (ages 6 months to 9 years)

Room 103C (Child Care-School Age)

Room 102AB (Child Care-Pre-School)

Room 104AB (Child Care-Infants & Toddlers)

July 3: 8:30 am-5:30 pm

July 4–7: 6:30 am until 30 minutes after the close of each day's Representative Assembly meetings

## Club NEA (ages 10–16 years)

Room 103AB

July 3: 8:30 am-5:30 pm

July 4–7: 6:30 am until 30 minutes after the close of each day's Representative Assembly meetings

There will also be evening care the night of the HCR Awards Ceremony on July 3rd: 5:30–10 pm

# First Aid

Mezzanine; Level 1–204A

# Delegate Experience & Cafe

Hall A; July 3–7

The NEA Delegate Café, located in Hall A, will serve as a hub to network, refresh, and learn. The café includes interactive exhibits, concessions, and tables for caucuses, councils, and candidates. Be sure to check it out and return each day.

# **Emergency Hotline Phones**

Located in the various corners of the Representative Assembly. In an emergency or if there is a problem in the Representative Assembly, use the hotline emergency phones. Problems or emergencies include air conditioning malfunction, exposed wires, smoking, and individuals needing medical assistance.

# **Digital Signage**

Free-standing screens located at various locations in the convention center provide updated information and announcements. They are a handy resource for all attendees.

### Host Committee

Room 204BC

# **Information Booth**

Hall A

### **Lost & Found**

Hall A

# July 3–7

Room 201A

This office coordinates logistical arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

The office hours are: July 2: 8 am-5 pm

**NEA Annual Meeting Office** 

July 3-7: 8 am to 30 minutes after the close of the RA

# **Production & Materials Distribution**

Hall A

# Registration and Check In

Hall A

July 3-6: 9 am-5 pm

July 7: 9 am-Noon

# Registration for Delegates with Disabilities

Delegates with Disabilities Office-Hall D

July 3: 9 am-5 pm

July 4: 9 am-5 pm

Registration in Hall A

July 4-6: 9 am-5 pm

July 7: 9 am-Noon

# Services for Delegates with Disabilities

July 3-7: Hall D

# Voting

Hall E

# **Food Services**

July 3-7, 2024

Each vendor and all vending machines located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center accept both cash and secure, contact-less forms of payment. Examples of contact-less methods include but are not limited to: Major credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, and Android Pay.

Most of the concession stands offer healthy food options and alternatives. There are either Gluten-Free, Vegetarian, and Vegan options at all concepts, and these options will be marked on their menu boards. Those with strict dietary medical or religious restrictions should contact their State Coordinator for nearby options. Concession schedules are subject to change without notice. \*Closing times from July 4–7 may be subject to rolling closures.

Please visit the **Reading Terminal Market** directly across the street from the Pennsylvania Convention Center (12th and Arch Streets) for additional food and beverage options. They are open daily from 8 am–6 pm.

Please refrain from bringing outside food and drink deemed for large group orders into the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This may be subject to search and confiscation by building security and is considered a violation of Pennsylvania Convention Center/Aramark policy.

Food Services can be found in the following areas for your convenience:

### LEVEL 200

Hall A Concourse Hall A - Delegates Experience

# July 3

# July 4-7

Saxby's (Coffee / Grab and Go)	Hall A Concourse 9 am – 3 pm
Philly Eats	Hall A Delegates Experience 11 am- 3 pm
Top Taco	Hall A Delegates Experience 11 am- 3 pm
O-Mari Ramen	Hall A Delegates Experience 11 am- 3 pm
Crunch Loaded Nachos	Hall A Delegates Experience 11 am- 3 pm
Liberty Bell Snacks	Hall A Delegates Experience Noon – 4 pm
Philly Pretzel Factory	Hall A Delegates Experience Noon – 4 pm

# NEA Strategic Plan and Budget Framework for 2024–2026

Basis for NEA Program and Budget Development Fiscal Years 2024–2026

# Visionary Goals

To achieve our mission and to meet our shared responsibility to elevate and unite all our members, the NEA, in partnership with affiliates, will build connections that:

- 1. Enhance success, justice, and equity in our nation's public schools, and the well-being of all our students, parents, families, and communities.
- 2. Promote fulfilling professional lives and the success of our members.
- 3. Grow and strengthen our Union through leaders trained to retain, inspire, engage, recruit, and empower fellow educators and public employees.



# Strategic Objectives

In partnership with our Affiliates, NEA will:

• Strengthen Public Education as the Cornerstone of Democracy: Build a movement that promotes, protects, and strengthens public education; safeguards the rights of students, communities, and educators; advances economic justice; increases public regard for educators and their public schools from pre-K to higher education; and ensures that students are prepared to participate fully in our democratic society.

- Advance Racial Justice and Social Justice: Support
  members in advancing racial and social justice in
  education, and improving conditions for all students,
  families, and communities through awareness, capacity
  building, partnership, and individual and collective
  action.
- Promote Safe, Healthy, Inclusive, Collaborative, and Future-Focused Public Schools: Support the development of modern, safe, and supportive public schools that are affirming to all students and employees, resourced to meet the academic and developmental needs of today's students, and that serve as beacons of pride and support in their communities.
- Improve Professional Respect and High Quality Working Conditions: Enhance the well-being, satisfaction and respect of our members (aspiring, active, and retired), ensuring they receive fair compensation (salary, benefits and retirement); cultivate favorable working conditions for aspiring, new, and experienced educators; amplify opportunities for authentic voice; and safeguard the freedom to teach in the most effective manner for their students.
- Support Professional Excellence and Student Learning: Enhance the education professions and the pride that all educators throughout their careers experience in their work by supporting educators' growth in the professional knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to maximize students' academic and social-emotional learning and shape the future of learning.
- Fuel the Transformation of Affiliate Organizational Capacity: Build the capacity of state and local affiliates for growth, collective action, and agendadriving power with particular focus on: a Dynamically Aligned Leadership Development System; Membership Growth and Engagement, Organizing, and a Culture of Connectedness; Racial and Social Justice Culture; Modern Affiliate Communications; Data and Technological Advancement; and overall Affiliate Health and Strength.

# **NEA Operations**

Ongoing functions that sustain the organizational infrastructure and nimbly adjust to the changing nature of the external environment; advance organizational learning and effectiveness; implement responsible business practices; and promote a positive, just, and innovative culture across the NEA.

### Additional Details

# Fuel the Transformation of Affiliate Organizational Capacity: 2024-2026 Areas of Focus

Programs and initiatives across the organization that support the Strategic Objectives, build lasting strength and agenda-driving power in Affiliates, and grow the Association. In this 2-year cycle, we will focus on our ability to grow capacity in the following areas:

- A Dynamically-Aligned Leadership Development System: Create a robust leadership development system across the organization, that identifies, invites, prepares, trains, and supports both formal and informal leaders and that offers many pathways for all members to grow and demonstrate leadership in support of excellent and equitable public education
- Member Growth and Engagement, Organizing, and A Culture of Connectedness: Organize around issues important to our members; provide members with support to engage in meaningful by memberfor-member advocacy and activities; and provide opportunities for members to connect with other professionals, allies and communities, fostering loyalty to their professions and unions
- Racial and Social Justice Culture: Support Affiliates in fostering a culture of racial and social justice that is reflected in mindsets, practices, and strategies
- Modern Affiliate Communications: Modernize and support Affiliate capacity to research, craft, and implement internal and public relations messaging in support of public education, members' needs, and Affiliate activities

- Data and Technological Advancement: Implement a modern and aligned data analytics and technology infrastructure for membership, engagement, and business practices
- Affiliate Health and Strength: Support strong fiscal management, risk mitigation, data management, strategic use of data and information, and organizational learning processes across the organization

# **NEA Operations**

Ongoing functions that sustain the organizational infrastructure, secure the long-term health of the organization, and promote a positive culture.

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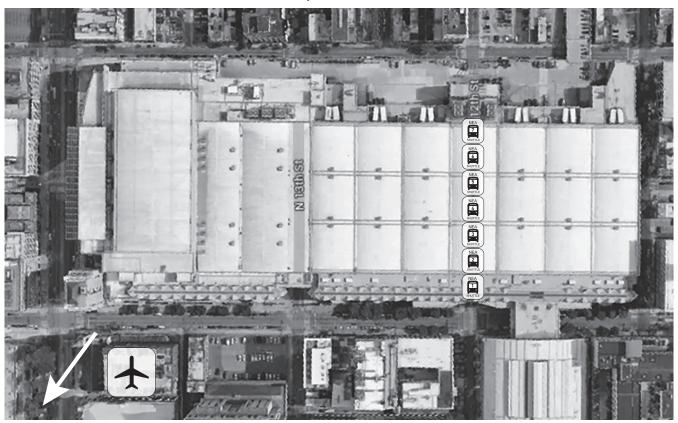
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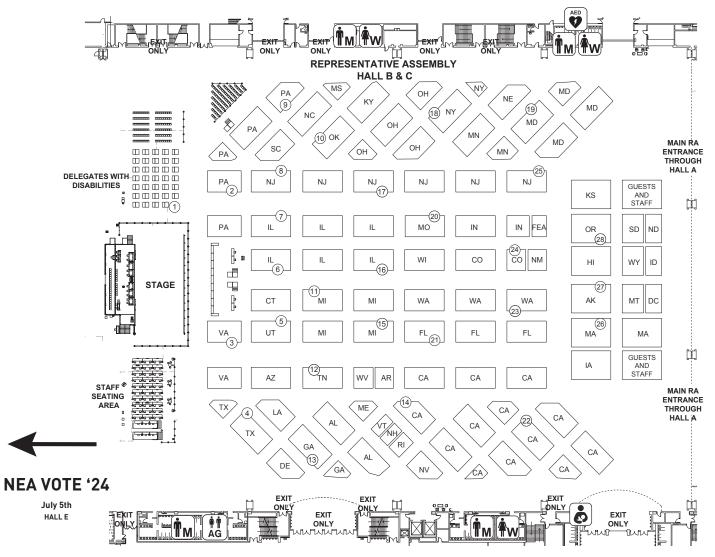
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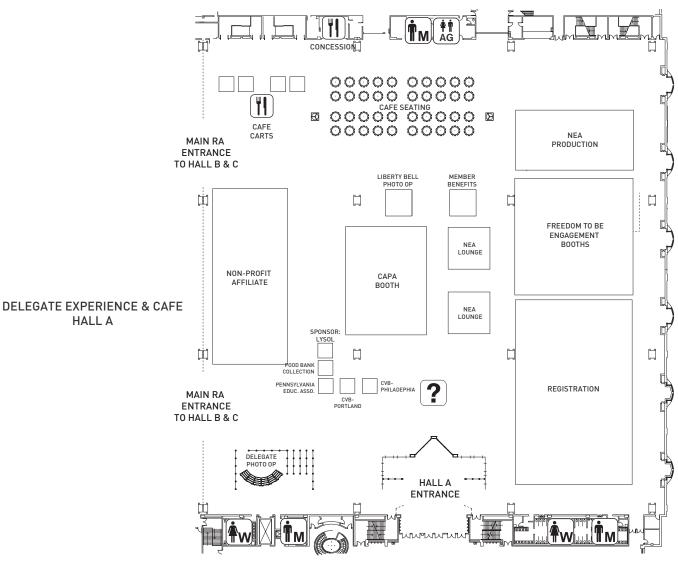










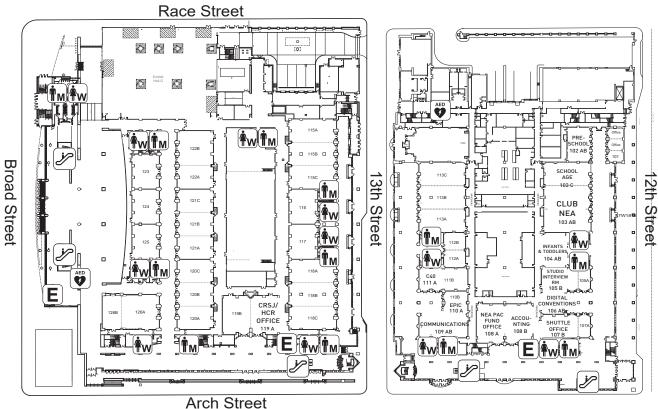








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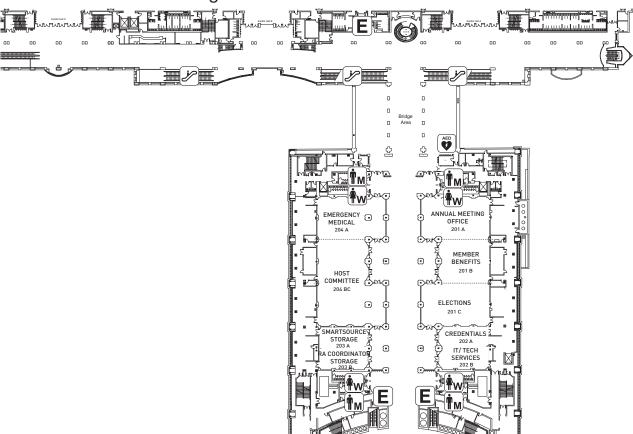








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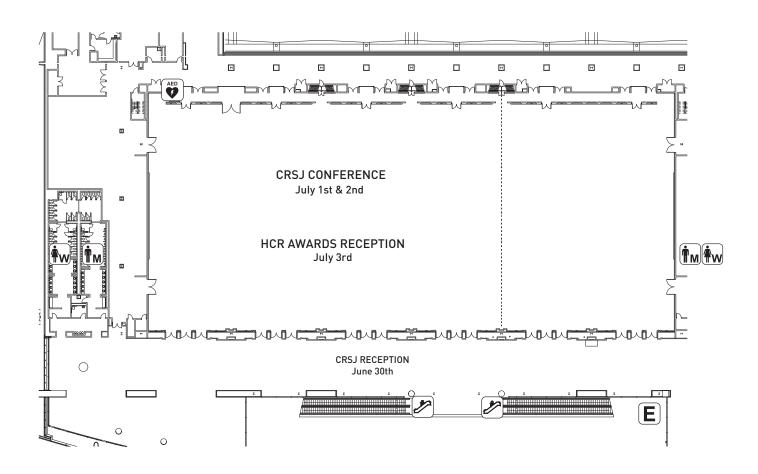








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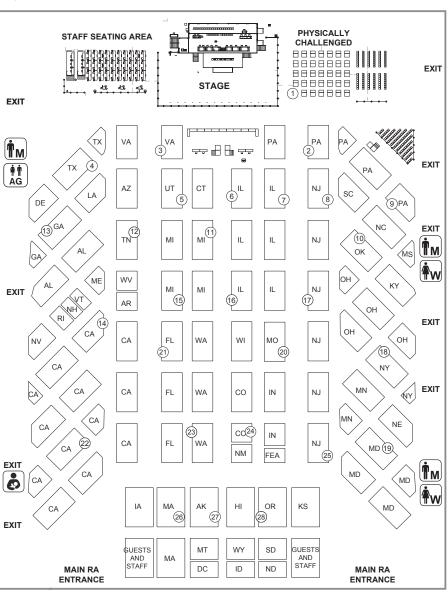
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