

165.45.30 MTA Endorsement Procedures for Candidates Seeking NEA Office

PROCEDURE

1. The MTA shall send each announced candidate for NEA offices a copy of the Endorsement Procedures and will be encouraged to provide to the Massachusetts delegation any statement in writing that they believe to be necessary.
2. The National Council of State Education Associations (NCSEA) develops a questionnaire each year in order to assist state affiliates in their deliberations. The NCSEA questionnaires will be printed and given to each MTA delegate to the NEA-RA.
3. Each candidate will be invited to schedule an appearance at the MTA Caucus at one of the earliest Caucus meetings and time will be allowed for questions at that time.
4. If there is an uncontested office, the endorsement procedure may be suspended, for that particular office, by a majority vote of the MTA Caucus delegates present. Endorsement for this uncontested office may be considered at any caucus, but not later than the end of the MTA Caucus meeting immediately preceding the opening session of the NEA-RA.

VOTING

1. The MTA delegation may begin to endorse candidates at the MTA Preconvention meeting for the NEA-RA.
2. Candidate(s) receiving 60% of secret Ballots cast by the MTA Caucus delegates present and voting will be the officially endorsed candidate(s). If more than two candidates are running for one office, and no one receives 60% of the Ballots, a second vote for the two highest candidates will be taken at the next caucus meeting. If neither still receives 60%, no further voting will occur and no endorsement will be made. The election for endorsement will be conducted under election rules and regulations adopted by the MTA Caucus.

RUNOFF ELECTIONS

1. In the event that NEA has to conduct a runoff election for NEA offices at the NEA-RA and should the MTA-endorsed candidate not make the runoff election, the MTA Caucus delegation may consider non-endorsed candidates for endorsement at the caucus meeting that is appropriate for the runoff election. To receive an endorsement, a candidate must receive a majority of the secret Ballots cast by the MTA Caucus delegates present and voting.
2. If no candidate is endorsed for a vacancy through the above procedure, the MTA Caucus Chair may invite candidates for the position or their representative to address the MTA Caucus before an endorsement vote is taken. The time and place for their presentations shall be set by the Chair of the MTA Caucus. Endorsements in this situation require a majority of the secret ballots cast by those delegates present and voting.

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(Must be reaffirmed annually)