



A Call for Affiliate Delegates!
2017 CONVENTION DELEGATE ELECTION TIMELINES & PROCEDURES

USEP is accepting nominations through **December 22, 2016** for members who wish to run as delegates to the following convention:

As per the USEP constitution, the President shall be the top ranking delegate to all affiliate governing conventions and bodies.

- *NEA Annual Representative Assembly, June 30 - July 5, 2017, in Boston, MA. USEP will sponsor four (4) teacher delegates and two (2) SRP delegates to help offset costs for the delegates. The President and the top vote getter shall be designated as state delegates and perform the duties thereof.*
- *FEA Delegate Assembly delegates are elected for three (3) years (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2020). USEP will sponsor eight (8) teacher delegates and four (4) SRP delegates to help offset costs for the delegates.*

Delegates serve a leadership role by influencing the direction of our national affiliates. In the past, delegates have voted on important issues such as proposed dues increases, constitutional amendments, and candidates running for affiliate offices. Delegates also attend a variety of workshops, committees, and constituency caucuses. **There is an expectation that each NEA delegate will raise a \$180.00 contribution for the NEA Children's Fund, and an expectation that each FEA delegate raise a \$75.00 contribution for the FEA COPE fund through fundraising, etc.**

USEP will provide a stipend to those delegates attending the NEA Representative Assembly toward delegate expenses to help pay for registration, hotel and transportation. *Delegates must be prepared for out-of-pocket expenses* including meals, travel to and from the convention site, tips, fund raisers, and entertainment costs. Employees who work summer programs will have to use unpaid personal leave if elected. Delegates who cancel must reimburse USEP for any nonrefundable costs USEP has paid.

In order to run as a delegate, you must be a dues paying member in good standing as of December 2, 2016. Nomination forms must contain signatures of two USEP members in good standing, the candidate's signature, and be **received** at the USEP office by **4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 22, 2016**, to qualify for candidacy. Facsimile copies are not acceptable and will be deemed invalid. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes cast (plurality) shall be declared elected. Please note that only SRP members can nominate an SRP delegate, and only teacher members can nominate a teacher delegate.

Any USEP member interested in running for delegate can get an "Official Nomination Form" from your Building Rep, the USEP website, or by calling the USEP office.

Eligibility for voting and/or nominating in the election requires membership by December 22, 2016

Election Timelines

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – USEP sends nomination forms to worksites via school courier.

Thursday, December 22, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. – Deadline for nomination forms to be received at the USEP office.

Thursday February 23, 2017 – Thursday March 9 – Balloting by mail

Thursday, March 9, 2017 – Deadline for ballots to be received by Supervisor of Elections.

Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. - Election results tabulated.

Any USEP member interested in being a candidate for delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly or the FEA Delegate Assembly must complete an "Official Nomination Form." Questions? Call the USEP office at (813) 996-2119