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UPDATE 2021 NEA Virtual RA



Long, Shelli on behalf of Herbart, Paula

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Michigan Delegates:

Please review the NEA memo below in preparation for participating in the NEA Virtual RA. The memo provides important information and links delegates should use to become familiar with the proceedings.

As you know, the Temporary Standing Rules for this year align with conducting the RA sessions virtually. Michigan-member Tom Brenner (author of the memo below) let me know that in my previous email of June 4, the *Now That You Are a Delegate* enclosure, page 3 under Do You Wish to Speak? the move to amend instructions have changed. Delegates need to know that all motions to amend must be done by noon of the day the business item is to be addressed. This means delegates will not be able to amend on the floor/RA platform.

Also, if you are not attending the NEA Virtual RA and have not registered with NEA, please let us know immediately you are not attending and send an email to Mike Ostertag (mostertag@mea.org).

Have a great weekend,

Paula J. Herbart
MEA President

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June 9, 2021

Memorandum

TO: State Delegation Chairpersons

FROM: Tom Brenner, Chair, Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules

RE: 2021 Representative Assembly

The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules (CCBR) is providing this information to assist you with orientation of delegates to the virtual 2021 NEA Representative Assembly. Please read this information carefully.

Virtual Hearings: The pre-RA delegate town halls, Legislative, CCBR, Budget, and Resolutions hearings will be conducted as follows (All hearings start at 8:00pm Eastern time):

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- Tuesday, June 22 – Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules hearing (conducted on the RA Platform)
- Wednesday, June 23 – Resolutions hearing (conducted on the RA Platform)
- Thursday, June 24 – Legislative hearing (conducted on the RA Platform)
- Monday, June 28 – Budget hearing (conducted on the RA Platform)

Delegates can register for these pre-RA events at the same time they register for the Representative Assembly.

Standing Rules for 2021 Representative Assembly: The NEA Board of Directors adopted Standing Rules for the conduct of the 2021 virtual RA. These Rules allow for the full participation of delegates in debate and votes on business in the most efficient manner, given the necessary limitations in terms of time and technology of conducting a meeting of the size and complexity of the NEA Representative Assembly virtually. Please encourage all delegates to read and familiarize themselves with the Rules in advance of the RA.

Delegate Website: The delegate website (<http://ra.nea.org/delegate-resources/>) contains all the items delegates will need to participate in the virtual RA. A full list of available items with links is provided at the end of this email.

Business Submission: The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules is accepting delegate submissions of New Business Items and amendments to the NEA Legislative Program, Resolutions, and Policy Statements for consideration at the 2021 virtual Representative Assembly. All items must be submitted electronically via the RA business submission form. **Only delegates to the 2021 RA may submit items.** The deadlines are as follows:

- Deadline for delegate submission of New Business Items — 4:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), June 15, 2021
- Deadline for NBI makers to submit modifications if needed — 4:00 pm (EDT), June 25, 2021
- Deadline for delegate submission of amendments to the NEA Legislative Program, Resolutions, and Policy Statements — 4:00 pm (EDT), June 30 (NEA Legislative Program, Policy Statements, and Resolutions Information are posted below under “2021 RA Agenda Items”)
- Deadline for delegates to submit amendments to any proposed items — noon (EDT) on the day the item is to be debated.

Submitted items are available for delegate review under the RA business tab on the delegate website once they are processed

Executive Committee Elections: The 2021 Representative Assembly will elect two seats on the NEA Executive Committee. The filing deadline for these positions has passed. Candidate flyers and introduction videos are posted on the RA delegate website.

At-Large Board Elections: The 2021 Representative Assembly will elect the following At-Large seats on the NEA Board:

- Two At-Large members representing Education Support Professionals (three-year terms)
- One At-Large member representing Education Support Professionals (two-year term)
- One Alternate At-Large member representing Education Support Professionals (three-year term)

The filing deadline for at-large positions is 4:00pm eastern time on June 15, 2021. Filing forms are posted on the RA delegate website and can be submitted by emailing completed forms to clewis@nea.org.

Resolutions Committee Elections: State delegations are responsible for conducting elections for any open seats on the 2021-2022 NEA Resolutions Committee for terms commencing September 1, 2021. Certificates of election for all

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delegation chairpersons on the role and responsibilities of Resolutions Committee members are posted in the delegate resources area of the [RA delegate website](#). For questions about the Resolutions Committee and election procedure, please contact Paul Birkmeier at pbirkmeier@nea.org.

If we can be of any assistance before or during the RA, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules:

Tom Brenner, Michigan, Chair

Kathie Axtell, Washington

Brian Ferguson, Utah

Elizabeth Nahl, Oregon

Staff Liaisons:

Sabrina Tines

Carrie Lewis

cc: State Affiliate Presidents and Executive Directors

Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules

RA Business Items on Delegate Website (<http://ra.nea.org/delegate-resources/>)

[NEA Standards of Conduct](#)

[Standing Rules for 2021 Virtual RA](#)

[Basic Parliamentary Procedure for 2021 Virtual RA](#)

[Caucus Meetings schedule](#)

Submission of Business Items

[Submission link for RA Business](#)

[Video: Tutorial on submitting business items](#)

[Submitting an NBI requesting an article in NEA publications? Read this first.](#)

RA AGENDA ITEMS

- [Constitution and Bylaw Amendments](#)
 - [Board positions on amendments](#)
- [Legislative Program](#)
 - [Table of Recommended Amendments to the Legislative Program](#)
- [Policy Statements](#)
- [Resolutions Summary of Winter Committee Actions](#)
 - Final Report of the Resolutions Committee (posted on June 29)

2021 INFORMATION ITEMS

- Reports of Committees 2020-2021 (coming soon)
- [NEA Media Fund Report](#)
- [NEA Great Public Schools Fund](#)

NEA Governing Documents and Policies

- [NEA Constitution](#)
- [NEA Bylaws](#)
- [Temporary Standing Rules for 2021](#)

2021 CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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- [Intro Video](#)
- [Ronald "Duff" Martin](#)
 - [Intro Video](#)
- [Gladys Marquez](#)
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- [Michael Wesley, Jr.](#)
 - [Intro Video](#)
- [Mark Airgood](#)
 - [Intro Video](#)
- [Tania Kappner](#)
 - [Intro Video](#)

2021 CANDIDATES FOR AT-LARGE BOARD SEATS

Candidates for 3-Year Seats:

- [Michelle Dennard](#)

Candidates for 2-Year Seat:

- [Ivory Smith](#)

[Memo: At-Large Director Elections for the 2021 NEA Representative Assembly.](#)

Election Forms and Candidate Resources

Candidates for Executive Committee (Filing deadline April 15, 2021)

- [Nominator form](#)
- [Preliminary Expense form](#)
- [Observer form](#)
- [Final expense form](#)

Candidates for At-Large Board Positions (2021)

- Filing Forms:
 - [ESP At-Large, 3-year term](#)
 - [ESP At-Large, 2-year term](#)
 - [Alternate ESP At-Large, 3-year term](#)
- [Biographical statement form](#)
- [Nominator form](#)
- [Preliminary Expense form](#)
- [Observer form](#)
- [Final expense form](#)

Candidates for Executive Committee (2022):

- [Filing forms](#)

NEA Resolutions Committee

- [Election of Resolutions Committee Members: Key Considerations](#)
- [Role and Responsibilities of Resolutions Committee Members: Talking Points for Delegation Chairs and Member Constituency Leaders](#)
- [Certificate of Election – Resolutions Committee Member and/or Resolutions Committee Alternate](#)

Election Policies

- [Campaign & Election Regulations: NEA Officers and Executive Committee](#)
- [Campaign & Election Regulations: At-Large NEA Directors](#)