

Hudson Teachers' Association

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A Letter from the President

Dear HTA Members,

Elections are fast approaching and I would like to give you some information regarding the changes in the HTA election process. In previous years the election process was fairly informal with very little competition for the positions being voted on. The specific procedures regarding nominations, information sharing through US mail, voting locations, and the subsequent counting of ballots were not in accordance with the HTA constitution.

After the election of 2015, a complaint was filed by one of our HTA members to the AFT. The complaint led to changes of how the HTA will further conduct union elections. The current executive committee has determined that the rules of elections will be followed with fidelity from here on out as I discussed at the January General Meeting.

In the coming months, all HTA members will receive a packet of information and forms from the union regarding elections. Please look for this information at your home mailing address. If you think that the union does not have a current mailing address for you, please see your building rep and provide the updated information. We do not want to miss getting the election packet to any union member.

I want to thank all of those who have helped to restore the proper election procedures to the HTA. Thank you to Jen Clark and the new nomination committee for their help in improving procedures. Job well done!

Sincerely,

Liz Novine HTA President



**Nomination
Meeting
Tuesday, April 19th
All Interested
Candidates for
Office Should
Attend**

**HTA Elections
Tuesday, May 3rd
2:45-3:30**

Interested in Running for Office?

Come to the Nomination Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th afterschool in the High School Auditorium

1. Nominations of people present at the meeting may be made from the floor at this time. Nominating Committee will record who is nominated for each office and who nominated each candidate. Petitions are not needed if those running show up to the meeting, are nominated, and accepted
2. Nominations by petition may also be made and are due on or before the date of the nomination meeting. In the event a potential candidate cannot make the meeting, the petition must be signed by ten percent (10%) of the membership. Members cannot sign a petition for the same office for two different people. In that case, the petitions become invalid.
3. Those nominated from the floor at the meeting that are not present must accept their nomination, in writing, by noon the day following the nomination meeting. The chairperson will follow up with those potential candidates.
4. A pre-ballot will be posted the day after the meeting by the end of the school day

Questions about the Election Process?

1. Watch for the mailer coming to you in the beginning of March. Please read all materials enclosed carefully
2. Still have questions? Come to the General Meeting on **Tuesday, March 15th**-place TBD
3. Want to run for office? Come to the Nomination Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th in the High School Auditorium
4. Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd from 2:45-3:30 in your respective buildings

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