

Statement of Delegate Responsibilities To The NEA Representative Assembly

Your election as a delegate indicates your commitment and ability to serve your local and state organization at the NEA Representative Assembly. The MTA recognizes this accomplishment and is proud to have you as a member of the state delegation. The responsibility and dedication that you bring to the Representative Assembly will be demonstrated in the most positive manner while you carry out the important work of the Representative Assembly. Inherent in this commitment is your willingness to accept all the responsibilities, duties, special assignments and challenges of a delegate.

Article III, Section 7 of the NEA Constitution, states that the functions of the NEA Representative Assembly shall be:

- Establish Association policies and objectives;
- Elect the President, the Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the at-large members of the Board of Directors, and the members of the Executive Committee as provided in this Constitution and/or the Bylaws;
- Adopt the annual budget;
- Establish dues;
- Approve or ratify the establishment of subsidiary corporate structures;
- Exercise final authority in all matters of the Association;
- Amend the NEA Constitution and the Bylaws in accordance with Article IX;
- Adopt the rules and agenda governing its meetings; and,
- Enact such other measures as may be necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Association which are not in conflict with the NEA Charter, the NEA Constitution, or the NEA Bylaws.

At the 2016 March Board meeting, the MTA Board of Directors voted to adopt the proposed policy on NEA/RA Accountability, as amended and as recommended by the NEA Convention Planning Committee, as follows:

The accountability system for the NEA-RA requires that all delegates attend at least 75% (six sessions) of the eight sessions of the NEA-RA meeting. Those six sessions must include at least one session from each of the four days of the NEA-RA meeting in order to receive the MTA stipend. The stipend and the certificate of payment will be mailed AFTER the NEA-RA to all delegates who fulfill these requirements.

Note that this accountability system does not apply to the MTA caucuses.

2017 Memorandum of Intent To Fulfill NEA-RA Delegate Responsibilities

As an elected delegate from Massachusetts to the National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA-RA) in Boston, July 2 – 5, 2017, I have read carefully and accept the responsibilities of being a delegate to the 2017 NEA-RA. I understand the suggested travel dates are arrival on Thursday, June 29, and departure on Thursday, July 6. I also understand that the \$400 stipend check, subject to accountability requirements, will be MAILED to me after the completion of the 2017 NEA-RA within three business days.

I accept the responsibility TO ATTEND all of the following:

- ✓ The Preconvention Meeting at Doubletree Westborough on Wednesday, June 7, at 4:30 p.m.

- ✓ The Massachusetts delegation caucus meetings:

Friday, June 30	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Monday, July 3	7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, July 1	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Tuesday, July 4	7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 2	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Wednesday, July 5	7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

- ✓ The Representative Assembly sessions of the NEA/RA:

Sunday, July 2	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, July 4	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, July 3	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, July 5	10:00 a.m. - Adjournment

- ✓ And to vote in the elections and on the issues:

Monday, July 3	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	Tuesday, July 4	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
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I accept these professional responsibilities, and I commit to fulfilling them as an elected delegate representing Massachusetts at the NEA Representative Assembly.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL Delegates must return this form. Please do so in person at the Preconvention meeting on June 7 or mail to the address below. Stipend payment will not be provided to delegates who do not submit a signed Memo of Intent form.

MTA Stipend Information:

MTA provides a limited travel/expense stipend to NEA-RA Delegates, subject to meeting accountability requirements (above) and receipt of this Memo of Intent. Please note that MTA also requires submission of travel voucher and receipts, or the stipend will be reported as income.

All Delegates:

All delegates will receive a \$400 stipend from MTA. As stated above, this stipend is dispersed after the NEA-RA to those who have met accountability requirements and submitted the Memo of Intent.

Statewide, Regional, Retired, and Student Delegates:

Those elected to serve as Regional/Statewide, Retired or Student Delegates for MTA will also receive an \$800 stipend. This amount will be dispersed before the NEA-RA, to those who have submitted this Memo of Intent. (When combining the \$400 that all delegates receive, these delegates may receive a total of \$1,200 in stipend.)

Either give this form to MTA Staff at the Preconvention meeting, or mail to:
MTA Governance, 2 Heritage Drive, 8th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171-2119, ATTN: John Connelly
Deadline = Wednesday, June 7, 2017.