

NBI #06

2024 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Refocus MTA on Education in Massachusetts

04.16.2024, 1:53 pm

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| NBI Name | | | Date and Time |
| Dori Fishbone | | | Lincoln Educators Association |
| Delegate Making the Motion | Cell | Email | Association Represented or Retired |
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| Delegate Seconding the Motion | Cell | Email | Association Represented or Retired |

According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

The MTA Board of Directors shall not take positions on matters of international conflict. The MTA will keep our focus on our core mission which is to work collectively with all our members to defend their rights and responsibilities in our collective agreements and to uphold the laws in Massachusetts General Law 150E.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

The MTA's core mission is to work collectively with all our members to defend their rights and responsibilities in our collective bargaining agreements and to uphold the laws in Massachusetts General Law 150e. The MTA should refrain from commenting and taking sides in geopolitical conflicts that are divisive to its members. Instead, the MTA should focus on wages, class sizes, safe schools, health and safety, and student and teacher mental health. Taking positions on international conflicts will risk alienating students and faculty and could lead to creating a hostile learning and work environment. When the MTA weighs in on contentious international conflicts, it undermines their standing as a professional union for all members. Since the executive board is not elected on their expertise in international policy, they do not have the qualifications to represent the membership in complex issues of international law and diplomacy. It would be impractical to educate all of MTA's members sufficiently to obtain an adequate mandate to establish an MTA position on every international conflict.

DUES IMPACT: \$0

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

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MTA Cost Estimate: \$0

MTA Staff Time Estimate: 0 hours