

## **Proposed Alternative Nomination Process for 2022 Annual Meeting**

A member seeking nomination for the office of MTA President or Vice President may request nomination papers from the Executive Director-Treasurer starting at 12:00 pm on Friday, May 20 by either emailing [MTAGovernance@massteacher.org](mailto:MTAGovernance@massteacher.org) for electronic copies, or by requesting printed copies at the podium after the opening of the first business session. The electronic version will be a PDF file of the traditional candidate signature sheet.

Nomination papers are due back to MTA prior to the cut-off time at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 20.

Only 2022 Annual Meeting delegates may sign the nomination form. A minimum of 200 signatures are required for nomination. No more than 50 signatures may be from any one local affiliate. No more than 100 signatures may be from any one electoral district.

Upon certification of the required number of signatures, and with compliance to the above stipulations, the Credentials and Ballot Committee will certify candidacy and place the candidate's name on the ballot for the office sought.

The member seeking candidacy may use the physical nomination form to collect signatures of official delegates in-person, or the electronic PDF version to collect signatures via email. Electronic nomination forms can be signed by Delegates by printing and filling out the form, including entering a printed name, member ID number or last 4 digits of their social security number, name of local, region, and district where indicated on the nomination form. The delegate should scan or photograph the form and return it via email following the instructions below.

**If a delegate cannot print, sign, or scan the nomination form, the delegate can, on a blank paper, include the following:**

- Their printed name, member ID number or last 4 digits of their social security number, name of local, region, and district.
- The line: "I verify my support for **(Blank)** candidate for **(Blank)** office."
- Their signature.

A photograph of the paper with signature and statement will be considered valid only when it is accompanied with the original blank nomination document. Delegates must submit the necessary documents from their personal email address to: [MTAGovernance@massteacher.org](mailto:MTAGovernance@massteacher.org) prior to 6:00 p.m. on Friday May 20. Signatures on physical paper copies may be filed at the podium no later than 6:00 pm on Friday, May 20. Both methods – physical copies and the electronic PDF version as outlined above – may be used in combination to achieve the numerical requirements as stated.

**Existing Bylaws and Policy:**

**Existing Bylaw:**

**ARTICLE VII**

**NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE**

**Section 2. President and Vice President**

**B. Nomination**

**(2) Nomination at the Annual Meeting of Delegates**

- a. Nomination papers may be obtained at the Annual Meeting from the Executive Director-Treasurer.
- b. Nomination papers must be signed by 200 of the registered delegates with the same limitations as described in Section 2B(1)b above.
- c. Nomination papers must be filed with the Credentials and Ballot Committee prior to the close of the first business session.
- d. The Committee will certify that the nomination papers comply with the requirements in Sections 2B(1) b, 2B(2)b and 2B(2)c above. Upon certification, the candidate's name will be placed on the ballot for the office sought.

**Existing Policy:**

**70.56 Alternative Nomination Process for Officer Elections**

ARTICLE VII, Section 2B(2) of the *MTA Bylaws* provides for an alternative nomination process for President and Vice President at the Annual Meeting of Delegates:

- a. Nomination papers may be obtained at the Annual Meeting from the Executive Director-Treasurer.
- b. Nomination papers must be signed by 200 of the registered delegates with the same limitations as described in Section 2B(1)b of the *MTA Bylaws*.
- c. Nomination papers must be filed with the Credentials and Ballot Committee prior to the close of the first business session.
- d. The committee will certify that the nomination papers comply with the requirements in Sections 2B(1)b, 2B(2)b, and 2B(2)c of the *MTA Bylaws*. Upon certification, the candidate's name will be placed on the Ballot for the office sought.

The candidate(s) who have not previously filed papers may obtain nomination papers from the Executive Director-Treasurer or his designee at the podium after the opening of the first business session of the Annual Meeting of Delegates.

The candidate(s) must then file the nomination papers with the Chair of the Credentials and Ballot Committee through the podium assistant at the podium prior to the close of the Annual Meeting of Delegates.

The Credential and Ballot Committee will process the nomination papers for certification in accordance with the established procedure and will certify the papers if they are in compliance with the *MTA Bylaws*.

As the last item of business prior to the close of the first business session, the chair of the Credentials and Ballot Committee will present a supplementary (amended) report of the Committee by reading into the record the names of those who have requested nomination papers for President and/or Vice President.

The Credentials and Ballot Committee will assure that the names of all certified candidates for President and/or Vice President will appear on the Ballots. Sufficient space will be available on the Ballot to allow for the names of certified additional candidates under the supervision of the Committee.