

Article VI Section 3 shall be stricken in its entirety (including all language appearing in the paragraphs under the title "Election Procedures"), and replaced with the following new Section 3:

Section 3. An Election Committee consisting of fifteen (15) members in good standing of the BTU and/or the RTC shall be selected from among nominees who have submitted a written statement of interest to the President of the Union by the September 20<sup>th</sup> immediately preceding the preliminary and final elections. The President shall submit to the Executive Board the names of all such members in good standing who have submitted a timely statement of interest at the Executive Board's first meeting after September 20<sup>th</sup>.

No candidate for any office or position on the Executive Board shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Election Committee.

The Executive Board shall be responsible for selecting by majority vote at an open Executive Board meeting Election Committee members from among those who have submitted a timely statement of interest to the President. The Election Committee members chosen by vote of the Executive Board shall be recorded in the minutes of its meeting and reported to the membership at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting.

The Election Committee shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of voter eligibility lists and for all aspects of the primary election in May and the final election in June. It shall convene its first meeting not later than December 15<sup>th</sup> at which time it shall elect co-chairs, a secretary and an election ombudsman from among its members. The Election Committee shall have the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations not

inconsistent with these bylaws or the AFT Constitution and its procedures shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) The co-chairs, after consultation with the other members of the Election Committee, shall establish a schedule of meetings, an agenda for each meeting and shall notify all committee members of same.
- (b) The secretary of the Election Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings, which shall be scheduled outside regular working hours. Except for meetings dedicated to the validation of signatures, all meetings of the Election Committee shall be open to the membership of BTU and RTC.
- (c) The Election Committee shall allot a reasonable time at each of its meetings for members in attendance to ask questions relating to the Committee's proceedings and the election process. The questions, responses and discussion relating thereto shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.
- (d) The Election Committee shall establish the procedures governing the election, including a procedure by which members can contact the union to verify their eligibility to vote and the nature of the mail ballot they are eligible to receive, the date by which ballots shall be mailed to all eligible voters, the deadline for receipt of voters' mail-in ballots for those members in good standing electing to vote by mail, the place of in-person voting at polls which shall be open from at least 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday in June in election years for those choosing to vote in person, and a published hotline for members to call to report their non-receipt of a mail ballot or any election related problems affecting their ability to vote.
- (e) The Election Committee shall provide for and staff a "problem solving table" at the polls to assist voters.
- (f) The Election Committee shall report the results of each election to the membership through its co-chairs as expeditiously as possible following the tally of ballots.