

I. Electronic Voting

Electronic voting is only permitted through the CTA Elections and Credentials Committee and with CTA Board approval. See Requirements for Chapter Elections Procedures, Section VII.4., page 6 for requirements

J. Vote Requirement

All vote requirements shall be established in accordance with CTA guidelines. Unless otherwise specified, all elections shall be decided by majority vote. Write-in votes are valid and must be counted.

1. A majority vote means more than half of the legal votes cast for each office/position on the ballot..
2. A plurality vote means the largest number of votes to be given any candidate or issue.
3. A two-thirds (2/3) vote means at least two thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast.
4. For unit officers, the election will be by majority.
5. For State Council: The election will be by majority vote and will follow the requirements set forth in the CTA Elections Manual [See the Election Timelines, Procedures, and Guidelines in section IV-9.2 of the CTA Elections Manual.]
 - a. If a unit is a single electoral district, the election for State Council Representative will be counted and reported by the chapter Elections Committee..
 - b. If the unit is within a multiple unit electoral district, results must be sent to the Service Center Council Elections Committee, which counts and reports the results..
6. If no candidate receives a majority vote, a run-off election shall be conducted among the candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The names on the ballot will be one (1) more than the number of vacancies to be filled. **There shall be no provisions for write-in candidates in run-off elections..**
7. For NEA Local Delegates, the election will be by majority or plurality vote, with the determination to be made in advance of the announcement of the election by the local. Results must be sent to the CTA Governance Support Department..
8. An election for NEA Delegates may be waived and the candidate(s) declared elected if, following a period of open nominations, the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of delegate positions to be filled. An affiliate utilizing this provision must have adopted a governing provision or election policy allowing such a practice. This election practice will not generate successor delegates unless the nomination process requires candidates for both regular and successor delegate positions.
9. For NEA State Delegates, the election will be overseen by the Service Center Council. The local Elections Committee shall submit to the Service Center Council the official CTA/NEA state delegate election Teller's Report, ballots, Tally Sheets, and signature sheets/rosters. The Service Center Council will forward the results to CTA.
10. For additional CTA/NEA election guidelines refer to the official CTA Elections Manual.

K. Counting of Ballots

1. The Elections Committee shall verify signature sheets with ballots received and count the ballots, which should be completed immediately following the deadline for receipt of voted ballots.
2. Each office/position on the ballot shall be treated as a separate race..
3. Blank and/or illegal ballots for each office/position shall be set aside. Examples include the following:
 - a. Member not listed on the voter roster;
 - b. Voter's intent unclear;
 - c. Votes cast for more than number allowed;

- d. Votes cast on unofficial ballot (probably reproduced); and;
 - e. Candidate is not a member
4. Ballots set aside and not counted are:
 - a. More ballots than signatures;
 - b. Ballot(s) received after deadline
 - c. Voting envelopes without a signature; and
 - d. Ballots that are separated from Roster/Sign-up sheet.
 5. The Elections Committee should categorize each illegal ballot, make a determination on whether the vote(s) in each category should be counted separately, as listed on 4 above, and make a note of the decision. The ballots should remain separate.
 6. The Elections Committee will prepare the Teller's Report, recording information on the total number of votes cast, the number needed to win/pass, the number of votes received by each candidate/issue and the number of blank and illegal ballots for each office/position with an explanation of illegality, and signed by each Elections Committee member. The Teller's Report shall not contain a school-by-school or site-by-site breakdown report.
 7. The Chairperson of the Elections Committee will deliver the report of the election results to the president and interested parties. The election results shall be posted at each work site as soon as possible following the election
 8. The ballots and voter sign-up sheets should be retained by the unit for one year after the election..