

**Rochester Teachers Association
Local 616 – NYSUT/AFT/NEA
30 North Union Street, Suite 301; 546-2681
Rochester, New York 14607**

October 13, 2025

Nominations Open for NYSUT/AFT/NEA Delegates

This is your official notice that nominations are now open to all members of the Rochester Teachers Association for the candidacy of Delegates to the NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS (NYSUT) REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (AFT) CONVENTION, and the NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NEA) CONVENTION.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any member in good standing with RTA is eligible to nominate a Delegate.
2. Any member of the RTA, who at the time of nomination is a member in good standing, is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for Delegate.

PROCEDURE

1. A nomination should include:
 - a. the name of the nominee.
 - b. the signature of the member making the nomination.
2. Written nominations must be received in the RTA office by 4:00 PM, October 24, 2025.
3. Nominations may be made from the floor of the November 18, 2025 Representative Assembly meeting.
4. Nominees or observers may be present for the drawing of ballot positions on 12/8/2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the RTA office.

NUMBER OF DELEGATES ELECTED -- TERMS OF OFFICE

Based on current membership, RTA would be entitled to 28 Delegates to NYSUT and 29 to AFT and 2 to NEA. This number may change based on most recent dues receipts. The term of office for a delegate is two years. The RTA membership will elect "X" number of delegates and the actual number of delegate slots will be filled in rank order based on the number of votes received - the first delegate being the one who received the highest number of votes. Remaining candidates will serve as alternates.

DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY

Candidates should be aware of the following dates when the conventions will be held:

**NYSUT Representative Assembly - May 1 - May 2, 2026 – Albany, NY
AFT Convention - July 16 - 19, 2026 - Washington, DC
NEA Convention – July 3 – 7, 2026 – Denver, CO**

Several Rochester area meetings are held during the year. All Delegates will be expected to attend these sessions and meetings.

DELEGATE ELECTION CALENDAR

- October 24, 2025 - Deadline for written nominations to be received in the RTA office no later than 4 pm.
- November 18, 2025- N & E Committee will receive additional nominations from the floor of the Representative Assembly. *(Rep should have the consent of the nominee).*
- January 7, 2026 - Ballots emailed to all members.
- January 28, 2026 - Deadline for ballot submission.
- February 24, 2026 - Nominating & Elections Committee reports election results to the RA.

CONVENTION DELEGATION GUIDELINES

1. Responsibilities for convention delegates as defined below. The nominee's acceptance of the nomination means acceptance of the delegate responsibilities should he/she be elected.
2. The association president will convene the delegation as soon as possible after the election. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect delegation officers, to determine specific responsibilities of delegates, and to provide written copies of resolutions, proposals, and other information pertinent to the convention.
3. The Chairperson of the delegation has these responsibilities:
 - to convene the delegation when necessary.
 - to provide for orientation of new delegates.
 - to assign delegates to committees.
 - to report no later than the June Representative Assembly meeting, concerning delegation activities to date, roles assigned for conventions, significant issues to be dealt with, and association policy positions at conventions.
 - to establish delegation's headquarters at conventions.
 - to report attendance at meetings (in final report).
 - to prepare the final convention report.
4. The delegate has these responsibilities:
 - to attend meetings as determined by the delegation.
 - to participate in the final reporting procedure.
 - to act as a resource person for the association after the convention.
 - to report to the RTA President, in a timely manner, if he/she cannot attend the convention.

(Adopted 12/10/1993)

Please note: Members will be sent an email from RTA and Survey and Ballot Systems with a unique username and password. When you receive the on-line ballot link, on or about January 7, 2026, you will enter this username and password to access your ballot.

If you've changed your email address recently, please call the RTA office and provide us with your current email.

NOMINATING FORM FOR DELEGATES TO NYSUT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, AFT CONVENTION and NEA CONVENTION 2025 - 2026

I hereby nominate as Delegate:

Name

School or Unit

Signature of person Nominating

School or Unit

Please return form to the Nominating & Elections Committee, via Courier, Fax (546-4123), or US Mail.

**Attn.: K. Lahr, at the RTA Office (30 N. Union St., Rochester, NY 14607),
No Later than 4 PM October 24, 2025**