

# **SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

## **STATEMENT OF DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE MTA ANNUAL MEETING/NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Your decision to run as a delegate indicates your commitment and ability to serve your local organization at the MTA Annual Meeting and/or NEA Representative Assembly. The Springfield Education Association recognizes this accomplishment and would be proud to have you as a member of our local delegation. Inherent in this commitment is your willingness to accept all the responsibilities, duties, special assignments and challenges of a delegate.

According to the Association Representatives' Handbooks, the delegates to Annual Meeting have the following duties:

- Elect the President, Vice President, Regional Executive Committee members, Board of Directors, the At-Large Director of Ethnic Minority Membership, At-Large Director for Educational Support Personnel, and the Statewide Retired District Director(s);
- Establish the level of annual dues;
- Adopt the annual budget of the Association;
- Exercise the final authority in all matters of the Association, except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws or by statute;
- Amend the Bylaws of the Association;
- Adopt the agenda and the rules governing the meetings;
- Act on new business items submitted;
- Enact all other such measures as may be necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Association which are not in conflict with the Bylaws;
- Have jurisdiction over the accreditation of delegates and alternates at the Annual Meeting;
- Fill interim vacancies that occur on the Board by mail ballot.

Article III, Section 7 of the NEA Constitution, states that the functions of the NEA Representative Assembly shall be:

- Establish Association policies and objectives;
- Elect the President, Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the At-Large members of the Board of Directors, and the members of the Executive Committee as provided in this Constitution and/or Bylaws;
- Adopt the annual budget;
- Establish dues;
- Approve or ratify the establishment of subsidiary corporate structures;
- Exercise final authority in all matters of the Association;
- Amend the NEA Constitution and the Bylaws in accordance with Article IX;
- Adopt the rules and agenda governing its meetings; and
- Enact such other measures as may be necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Association which are not in conflict with the NEA Charter, the NEA Constitution, or the NEA Bylaws.

It is expected that each delegate will exercise a sense of responsibility in terms of attending all required sessions, including pre-convention meetings, caucuses, voting, and any post-convention meetings that may be scheduled. Your attendance may impact your stipend.

Thank you for your willingness to represent the Springfield Education Association as a delegate to the MTA Annual Meeting and/or the NEA Representative Assembly.