XIV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. The chapter shall follow and members are entitled to the rights contained in the CTA Requirements for Chapter Election Procedures published annually with the CTA Elections Manual. The chapter president must provide Active members an opportunity to vote in all elections.

B. Chapter presidents do not have the option of deciding whether an election shall be held.

C. Elections Committee

The Elections Committee and Chairperson shall be appointed by the president and approved by the Executive Board to which it is responsible at the beginning of each school year. To ensure the election process is conducted in a manner that voters and candidates alike can be assured that reasonable rules of ethical conduct and procedures have been adopted, and are followed both in spirit and practice.

D. Elections Requirements

1. Elections shall be conducted with:
   a) Open nomination procedure;
   b) Secret ballot;
   c) All Active member vote;
   d) Record of voters receiving or casting ballots; and
   e) Majority vote, unless otherwise specified.

2. State Council Representative elections shall be conducted in accordance with CTA rules after the chapter or service center council has been notified to do so by the CTA Elections Committee.

3. NEA State Delegate elections shall be conducted in accordance with CTA rules.

4. NEA Local Delegate elections shall be conducted in accordance with CTA/NEA rules.

E. Election Committee Duties

1. The duties of the Elections Committee shall be to:
   a) Ensure that all TVEA/CTA/NEA election codes and timelines are followed;
   b) Establish election timelines;
   c) Develop and carry out timelines and procedures;
   d) Prepare ballots for election of officers and such other elections as may be necessary;
   e) Count the ballots and certify the results; and
   f) Handle initial challenges.

XV. COMMITTEES

A. Committees, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, may be established and discontinued by the Executive Board, subject to the approval by the Leadership Council. A list of current Committees, Chairs and Members can be found in the Standing Rules.

B. Committee Chairs and members shall be appointed by the president and approved by the Executive Board to which it is responsible at the beginning of each school year or as vacancies occur.

C. Each committee shall submit periodic reports to the Executive Board and Leadership Council.

XVI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY