



ELECTION GUIDELINES

ELECTION MATERIALS

1. The cost of printing and distribution of STA election materials, aside from the booklet of candidate statements, shall be the responsibility of individual candidates.
2. STA copiers and fax equipment shall not be used by individuals to produce STA election materials.
3. No election materials aside from the prepared AGM package which includes candidate statements shall be distributed on the site of the AGM on Election Day.
4. Candidates who choose to produce their own election materials must do so at their own expense. These materials will not be printed at the STA office. If a candidate does print their own election materials, these materials cannot be distributed anywhere on the site of the AGM.

CANDIDATES & CAMPAIGNING

1. Candidates are encouraged to indicate in advance all positions to which they wish to be considered for election.

General Meeting Standing Rules of Order

12.11 Candidates defeated in an election for any office shall be deemed to have been nominated for the office next to be filled. At any time prior to the conducting of a ballot any candidate may, by giving notice to the meeting, withdraw from the contest.

2. There shall be no campaigning permitted in any of the official STA social media channels (including, Surrey Teachers Facebook group, STA#36 TTOC Facebook group, Surrey Teachers' Association public Facebook page, @SurreyTeachers twitter and Instagram). This does not prevent candidates from creating their own public campaign platform.
3. Committees are not to endorse any candidates.
4. Members, including Staff Reps, Committee Chairs, and/or elected officers, are not allowed use their mass communication privileges to offer unsolicited personal endorsements of any candidate. This does not include personal, private conversations when advice/opinion is requested.
5. Candidates are welcome to submit a:
 - a. Written Statement - including links to their personal online platform, of no more than 500 words
 - b. Photo - maximum size of 500x500 pixels in jpg or png format
 - c. Audio/Video File - no longer than 3 minutes
6. Submissions outside of the above listed criteria will **not** be published.
7. The written statements, photos and audio/video materials must be submitted to the AGM Elections form (www.surreyteachers.org/agmelectionsform) no later than **April 14, 2024**.



ELECTIONS & VOTING

1. The Elections will be facilitated by an impartial, unbiased nominating chairperson.
2. Voting will happen LIVE during the meeting.
3. The AGM Package (including candidate statements, agenda), and registration link for attendance at the AGM will be sent out on **April 22, 2024**.
4. The written statements, photos and audio/ video files will be uploaded on the website on **April 22, 2024** (not including any materials received after the deadline of April 14, 2024).
5. The Registration deadline for attendance at the AGM will be before noon on **May 6, 2024**.
6. Registered members shall receive a unique Simply Voting link sent to their personal email by end of day on **May 7, 2024**.
7. Any members who have not registered their attendance before noon on **May 6, 2024**, will need to contact operations@surreyteachers.org to be sent their Simply Voting link.
8. Zoom & Simply Voting will go live at 3:00 pm on **May 8, 2024**, to allow time for technical difficulties troubleshooting.
9. Members will be given a sample voting item at 3:00 pm on **May 8, 2024**, to make sure their Simply Voting credentials are working effectively.
10. In the event that the Simply Voting system fails, Zoom polls will be used for voting during the elections, while hands up will be used for procedural (in favour/opposed) motions.

ORDER OF ELECTIONS

1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. Second Vice-President
4. Grievance Officer
5. Accommodation Support Officer
6. Professional Support Services Officer
7. Professional Development Officer
8. Local Representative to the BCTF (designated for Adult Ed)
9. Local Representative to the BCTF (5)
10. Secretary-Treasurer
11. TTOC/Early Career Rep
12. Member-at-Large (designated for a Member of Colour)
13. Member-at-Large (designated for an Aboriginal Member)
14. Members-at-Large (3)

Followed by: Electing the 7 members of the Resolutions Committee