

Proposed changes to BFT Constitution

Current language in normal font, changes in bold.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS, STEWARDS, DELEGATES

ELECTION

SECTION 3.

~~Vacancies in any office shall be filled by vote of the Executive Council upon nomination of the Executive Committee.~~

Special elections will be held for the purpose of filling vacancies. Open positions will be posted at the appropriate level for a period of two weeks. Any member wishing to submit their name must do so in accordance with election procedures established by the election committee. At the close of that two week period, a special election will be held within the following parameters;

-steward—in coordination with the Election Committee either a steward or an officer shall conduct the election

-Grade-level V.P.-- in coordination with the Election Committee an officer shall conduct the election

-At-Large V.P.—the election committee shall conduct the election

If no names are submitted then the position shall be filled by vote of the Executive Council upon nomination of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6. BUILDING STEWARDS

a. Building stewards shall be elected in a building election during the third week of September in even-numbered years.

b. The number of stewards in each building shall be the following:

Each High School - four (4) stewards

Each 6-8 Middle School - three (3) stewards

Each K-8 School – three (3) stewards

Each K-5 School - two (2) stewards

City -wide teachers based in any other designated BOE Annex . One (1) Steward.

SECTION 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

a. The At-Large Officers of the Federation shall be elected in May of evennumbered years. The actual date of the election will be set by the Executive Council no later than its January-February meeting and members will receive notification of the election date at least fifteen (15) days prior to February/March 1.

b. The election of officers of the Federation shall be by secret ballot

c. Membership in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election is required to hold office.

d. A non-incumbent officer member seeking to be elected to any at-large Federation office shall so inform the President in writing by March 1 in the form of a petition containing the signatures of at least ten (10) percent of the total Federation membership. A receipt for each petition shall be provided to the prospective candidate by the Federation. Incumbent officers seeking reelection shall so notify the president and election chairperson in writing by March 1 that they wish to have their names placed on the ballot.

e. Petition forms for each office shall be made available to members at the Union office beginning March 1.

~~1. If this constitution is ratified by the membership during the 2000-2001 school year a special election for Grade Level Officers will be held in September, 2001.~~

~~Grade Level Officers elected in the special election will hold office until September of 2002.~~

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND

BUILDING STEWARDS

SECTION 1.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and of the Executive council. He/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Audit Committee, shall sign all necessary papers and documents and represent the local when and where necessary. The President shall carry out all directives of the Executive Council.

SECTION 6.

Building Stewards shall conduct building meetings at the next faculty meeting following the Executive Council meeting.

SECTION 4.

The length of the term of membership on committees in Section 1 and 2 shall be for two years and shall run concurrently with the terms of office of the elected at-large officers. In ~~June~~ **October** of each even numbered year, the President-Elect shall make appointments to such committees in accordance with Section 3.

SECTION 5.

The length of the term of membership on contractually mandated committees shall be for two years and shall run concurrently with the terms of office of the elected officers unless the length of the term of membership is specified by guidelines outside the BFT/BOE contract and/or BFT constitution. In ~~June~~ **October** of each even numbered year, the President shall make appointments to such committees in accordance with Section 3.

ARTICLE XIV AVAILABILITY OF CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1.

Three copies of this Constitution and all future amendments shall be submitted to the national office of the AFT.

SECTION 2.

A copy of this constitution shall be presented to each member upon adoption. A copy of this constitution shall be made available to each member upon adoption or revision electronically via the BFT website or by request in writing to the BFT Secretary.