

BTA Election Information & Candidate Guidelines

Voting Eligibility & Election Procedures

- **All active members** have the right to **nominate candidates and vote in union elections**
 - Voting for **Officers and Representatives** shall be conducted by **secret ballot**
 - Elections will be held **prior to the Spring General Membership Meeting**
 - Members will have the opportunity to vote on **one of two published election dates**, established by the Election Committee
 - The candidate receiving the **highest number of votes** for a position shall be declared elected
 - Election results will be **announced at the May General Membership Meeting** and **posted thereafter for membership review**
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Election Dates, Times & Locations

Tuesday, May 19

- **12:00 PM (Noon)** – St. Gabriel’s
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – Irvington
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – St. Matthew’s
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – Transfiguration
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – Rochambeau
- **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – CTE / Valhalla

Wednesday, May 20

- **12:00 PM (Noon)** – El Centro Hispano
 - **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – RLC Upper
 - **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** – RLC Lower
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Meet the Candidates (Zoom)

A **Meet the Candidates Zoom Session** will be held on:

Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00 PM

- Attendance is optional, but strongly encouraged—especially for contested races
 - Each candidate will be given **up to two minutes** to introduce themselves
 - Member-submitted questions may be included as time permits
 - The session will be recorded and shared with members prior to voting
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Candidate Materials

Candidates may submit:

- A photo and brief biography (approximately 100 words)
- Campaign-style poster or flyer materials

Submission guidelines:

- Materials must fit on a **single-sided 8.5" x 11" page**
 - Approved materials will be distributed at worksites and posted on the BTA website in a timely manner
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Candidate Communication

- Candidates may contact members using **personal email addresses or phone numbers**, provided that information was **not obtained through union business**
 - Candidates may include personal contact information on campaign materials
 - Please note that materials posted on the BTA website are **public-facing**, and any contact information included will be publicly accessible
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Campaign Conduct

To ensure a fair and equitable election process:

- Candidates may **not remove, alter, cover, or encourage the removal** of another candidate's materials
 - Candidates are expected to campaign respectfully and professionally
 - Harassment, intimidation, or coercion related to campaigning or voting will not be tolerated
 - Questions or concerns regarding campaign conduct should be directed to the **Vice President or designated election representative(s)**
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Election Committee Neutrality

Election Committee members and designated volunteers will remain neutral throughout the process.

Committee members will not:

- Campaign on behalf of any candidate while serving in an election role
 - Share polling assignments or internal election logistics that could provide an advantage to any candidate
 - Use their role to influence election outcomes
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Questions

Questions regarding election procedures may be directed to:

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