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The Fund--The NEA Fund for Children and Public Education is a political action fund. Voluntary fundraising during the RA is to help influence politics in a positive direction for our members and the students they serve. We encourage our delegates to participate, if they wish, at whatever level they can afford. You will receive more info on this once you get elected, but for now consider ways to meet the suggested contribution of \$200/ delegate. neafund.org

What else should I know?

- Know or find out nomination deadlines.
- A goal of NEA-NM is to encourage ethnic minority participation in all activities to ensure we represent our diverse membership. This is also true for the RA so we can meet our 3-1(g) goals.
- Experience the RA at least once in your NEA life.

Future RA Locations:

2022 RA Dallas, TX
2023 RA Orlando, FL

Dates to Remember

August - June

Save some \$\$ and fundraising all during the year.

October

Last nominations for State and Cluster delegates received at NEA-NM by October 20th. Begin campaigning to get elected as a RA delegate by asking your colleagues to vote for you.

January 29

Online voting begins for State RA Delegate Elections.

February 19

Electronic voting closes.

February 27

NEA-NM Board ratifies Elections results and NEA-NM begins to notify those that are elected and those that are alternates.

February - April

Locals hold their open nominations and secret ballot elections for Local Delegates/successors and submit to NEA-NM by **April 8**. (See "How do I get elected?")

March - May

Elected delegates notify NEA-NM of their intent to attend and begin to receive information. If not attending, NEA-NM contacts successors in order of number of votes received.

Questions--need help?

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See website (www.nea-nm.org) for more info and to download this brochure



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What's the RA?

It is NEA's annual meeting called the "Representative Assembly." It is usually held over the July 4th holiday period. While the actual RA is 4 days long, pre-RA meetings make it a 6-7 day adventure. The 2021 RA will be conducted in a virtual setting rather than in-person due to COVID-19.

Who gets to participate?

Each state is allotted elected delegates in 3 categories: Local, Cluster, and State. Each delegate is elected to represent 150 members or major fraction thereof*. The RA draws over 9,000 delegates and about 6,000 guests. Family members and friends can register as guests.

How do I get elected?

Any member can run as a STATE Delegate. The self-nominating downloadable form is available on NEA-NM's website from August through October 20th. Nomination forms must be received at the NEA-NM headquarters office by October 20th. NEA-NM elects 15 State Delegates.

Members in locals with fewer than 76 members (*major fraction of 150) can run for CLUSTER Delegates, also by self-nominating on the form located on NEA-NM's website and received by NEA-NM by October 20th. NEA-NM elects up to 6 Cluster Delegates, depending on membership.

Members in locals with 76 members or more can run for LOCAL Delegate. Each local with 76 members or more is to hold open nominations and a secret ballot election for Local RA Delegate (s) and successors by April 8th. Notify your local president if you want to be a candidate.

What do delegates do?

Our state caucus (our delegation) meets every morning, virtually, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to discuss the business of the NEA: new business items, resolutions, budget, legislative program and, of course, ways of raising \$\$\$ for NEA's Fund for Children and Public Education. We will participate in the RA—the world's largest democratic, deliberative body of 9,000 of our colleagues, each with the right and opportunity to go speak on an issue. While we may take official positions in our state caucus, all delegates are free to vote their conscience or vote in conjunction with their local's viewpoint. Voting for candidates and constitutional amendments are by secret ballot and others are by voice vote. Delegates are expected to click on the RA virtual link and caucus meeting links and participate in the process.

