



To: All PAT Members
From: Ailien Tran, Chairperson, PAT Nominations & Elections Committee
Date: November 13, 2024
RE: Election of Executive Board Directors, and Delegates to the NEA and OEA Representative Assemblies

Nominations for PAT elected positions will open on November 13, 2024, at the November PAT Representative Assembly (RA). **Any PAT member (paying dues to PAT) may run for any of the positions listed below. Non-members may not run for any elected position.** Candidates must understand and agree to the job requirements of the position for which they seek election, described on the reverse.

Election Schedule:

- **Nominations open; campaign activities may begin** - Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at PAT November RA.
- **Nominations close; candidate photos taken** – Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at the PAT January RA. Nominations close at 5:30 p.m. for Executive Board candidates; Nominations close at 7:00 p.m. for NEA RA Delegate and OEA RA Delegate candidates.
- **Candidate Speeches** – (Executive Board candidates) - Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at PAT January RA.
- **Voters’ Pamphlet and Ballots sent electronically to members** – *tentatively* Friday, January 24, 2025.
- **Ballots due; campaign activities must end** – by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025.
- **Election date** - Votes to be counted at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Campaign activities (*e.g.*, distributing materials, having an active website, soliciting endorsements) may not begin until nominations open and must end at 5:00 p.m. on the date ballots are due. Candidates may not use work time, PPS email, or PONY for campaigning. **Candidates must read and comply with the election rules stated in the PAT Nominations & Elections Handbook. Nomination Forms and the Handbook will be available around November 13, 2024**, on the PAT website (www.pdxteachers.org/pat_elections).

Open Positions – See Descriptions on Reverse

Executive Board: Four (4) Positions
Term: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027
Responsibilities: Monthly Board and RA meetings, liaison to Building Reps in an assigned Zone, liaison to a PAT committee.

NEA RA Delegate: Approximately Twenty-Seven (27) Positions; (because the 2025 NEA RA will be in Portland, PAT will provide a travel & food stipend for all elected delegates)
Term: 2025 NEA Representative Assembly – **a one-year term only.**
Responsibilities: Attend NEA RA, vote on NEA policies, budget, legislative program, and NEA officers.

OEA RA Delegate: Approximately Thirty (30) Positions
Term: 2025, 2026, & 2027 OEA Representative Assemblies
Responsibilities: Attend pre-RA training, attend OEA RA, vote on OEA policies, budget, legislative program, and OEA officers.

2024/2025 PAT Elections – Position Descriptions

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 2-year term (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027)

The PAT Executive Board oversees the management of the Association and approves all expenditures that are not in the annual budget. Board members serve as liaisons to specific schools or Zones and to PAT committees. The Executive Board meets once a month. Executive Board members are also expected to attend the monthly Representative Assemblies.

DELEGATE TO NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY (NEA RA) – 1-year term

PAT delegates to the NEA RA join other delegates in representing Oregon at the National Education Association's Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly (RA). The NEA RA is the organization's highest decision-making body. With more than 8,000 delegates, it is also the world's largest democratic, deliberative body. Delegates debate issues impacting American public education, elect national officers, and set policy for the 3 million-member Association. The 2025 NEA RA is scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon on July 2 – July 6, 2025.

NOTE: Because the NEA RA will be held in Portland in 2025, PAT will provide a travel & food stipend to all NEA RA delegates elected in this election (approximately 27 delegates).

DELEGATE TO OEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY – 3-year term (2025, 2026, & 2027)

OEA Representative Assembly Delegates attend the annual state convention held each spring in Portland. The OEA RA begins on a Friday evening and concludes late Saturday afternoon. The 2024 OEA RA will be April 18-19, 2025, in Portland at the Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront Hotel. A few weeks prior to the RA, delegates attend the Region 1 Mini RA (approximately 3 hours) to become prepared on the issues and procedures (*tentatively* scheduled for March 15 at the PAT office).