

2012 OEA General Election Information

The annual 2012 OEA General Election will be held on the second Tuesday in March (March 13th) as stipulated by the OEA Bylaws. Elective positions in the general election include OEA Board of Director members and NEA Representative Assembly delegates. Candidates for the OEA Board of Directors are required to have at least one year of active membership in the OEA (Bylaws Article II, Section 6). Responsibilities of elected positions are listed on page two.

Candidates may be secured in any one of the following ways:

1. **By petition of 15 members of the Association.** Petitions must be filed with the OEA President before the February 14th Representative Assembly adjourns. You may obtain a petition form from your AR, from the OEA office, from First Class, or from the www.OmahaOEA.org website. The petition form includes the required consent of candidate.
2. **By personal filing of the candidate for office.** Personal filing of the candidate, in writing, must be received by the OEA President by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012.**
3. **By nomination from the floor of the February 14th Representative Assembly.** Only Association Representatives can make nominations. A Consent of Candidate form *must* be received from all individuals who are nominated from the floor of the Representative Assembly by Wednesday, February 15th.
4. **By filing of the Nominating Committee.** In the event no one is nominated for an elective position, a nomination committee shall secure at least one candidate for each elective position. The OEA Nominating Committee shall be elected from the floor of the February 14th Representative Assembly. A Consent of Candidate form *must* be received from all individuals who are selected by the Nominating Committee prior to accepting the Committee's filing.

The following positions are open for election in 2012:

- ◆ OEA Vice President–Member Benefits (3 year term 2012-2015). The entire membership votes for this position.
- ◆ Three Elementary members (2 year terms 2012-2014). Only Elementary members vote for these positions.
- ◆ One Middle Level member (2 year term 2012-2014). Only Middle School (7-8th grade schools) members vote for this position.
- ◆ Two Senior High Board members (2 year term 2012-2014). Only Senior High members vote for this position.
- ◆ Seventeen delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly (The President and both Vice Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of their office. Therefore, 14 OEA delegates will be elected this year.) The entire membership votes for delegate positions.

Who's Who of the Candidates Details

All candidates for election may have their photo, a 50-word statement, and Association experience published on the www.OmahaOEA.org website. Candidate statements will be published unedited. Only online submissions will be accepted. Pictures may be obtained in the following ways:

- Pictures will be taken following the February 14th Representative Assembly
- Pictures will be taken at the OEA office (4202 South 57 Street) Wednesday, February 15th through Friday, February 17th. This is the *last* date that pictures will be taken.

Only photographs taken by OEA on the above dates will be used; candidates cannot submit their own photo.

The deadline for online submissions for inclusion in the *Who's Who of the Candidates* is Friday, February 17th, by 5:00 p.m. If no information is received, only your name will appear.

Responsibilities of Elected Leaders

NEA Representative Assembly Delegate. The main responsibilities for an NEA Representative Assembly delegate include attending all caucus meetings held prior to the Assembly and being present at all times during the Assembly. Other responsibilities include staying informed of Assembly matters via membership materials and informing other Association members of the Assembly process and actions. The 2012 NEA Representative Assembly is scheduled for June 29 through July 6, 2012, in Washington, D.C. (dates include travel dates).

OEA members elected or selected to attend conferences on behalf of the local association will be paid transportation and per diem expenses as directed by the OEA Board of Directors. Members receiving funds are expected to attend the full conference schedule. In the event of non-attendance, the payee is required to return advanced funds within 60 days of the transmittal of such funds. The OEA Executive Committee or OEA Board of Directors must approve any emergency exception to this policy.

OEA Board Members and OEA Officers. Responsibilities for OEA Board members and Officers are numerous. These responsibilities include:

- Attending monthly meetings such as OEA Board meetings, Representative Assemblies, Leadership Roundtable Sessions, committee meetings, OPS School Board meetings, and other meetings as deemed necessary by the OEA President.
- Participating in the annual OEA Board and Committee Chairperson workshop.
- Serving as representatives of the organization at such functions as New Teachers' Orientation, and special functions with OPS School Board members, etc.