

2026 OEA General Election and NSEA Delegate Election Information

The annual 2026 OEA General Election and NSEA Delegate Election will open February 23rd at 5:00 p.m. and close March 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Elective positions in the elections include, Vice President of Advocacy, OEA Board of Director members, NEA Representative Assembly delegates, and NSEA Delegate Assembly delegates. Candidates for the OEA Board of Directors are required to have at least one year of active membership in the OEA and be eligible for the position. (Bylaws Article V, Section 6 and Board Policy 3130). Responsibilities of elected positions are listed on page two of this document.

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

- 1. 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 9th, 2026.
- 2. By nomination from the floor of the February 10th 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 11th by 5:00 p.m.
- 3. 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 January 13th 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 2026:

- ◆ VP of Advocacy (3 year term 2026-2029). The entire membership votes for this position.
- ◆ (Two) Elementary members (3 year term 2026-2029). Only Elementary members vote for these positions.
- ◆ (One) Middle Level member (3 year term 2026-2029). Only Middle School members vote for this position.
- ◆ (Two) Senior High Level members (3 year term 2026-2029). Only High School members vote for this position.
- ◆ (One) Alt. Ed/TAC member (3 year term 2026-2029). Only Alternative Ed/TAC members vote for this position.
- ◆ (14) Delegates to the NEA Convention (1 year term 2026). The President and both Vice Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of their office; therefore, 11 classroom educator delegates can be elected this year.*
- ◆ (42) Delegates to the NSEA Delegate Assembly (1 year term 2026). The President and both Vice Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of their office; therefore, 39 delegates can be elected.*

Who's Who of the Candidates Details

Officer and Board member candidates for election may have their photo, a 50-word statement, and Association experience published on the www.OmahaOEA.org website, under Kathy's Corner. NEA and NSEA Delegate candidates for election may have a 50-word statement that includes Association experience published. Candidate statements will be published unedited. Pictures may be obtained in the following ways:

- Pictures will be taken following the February 10th Representative Assembly
- Pictures will be taken at the OEA office (4202 South 57 Street) Wednesday, February 11th through Friday, February 13th by 5:00 p.m, 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 submissions for inclusion in the *Who's Who of the Candidates* is Friday, February 13th, 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 2026 NEA Representative Assembly is scheduled for July 3rd through July 7th, 2026, in Denver, CO.

Delegates and Alternates are required to attend the OEA Delegate/Alternate training.

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.

NSEA Delegate Assembly Delegate.

The 2026 NSEA Delegate Assembly (DA) is being held in person, April 24th – 25th, 2026, in Lincoln, NE. OEA members elected to attend DA are expected to be present for all caucuses held prior to DA and all meetings included on the agenda. Expenses for DA are funded by the NSEA.

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

- Attend monthly meetings such as OEA Board meetings, Representative Assemblies, committee meetings, OPS School Board meetings, Retreats, Workshops, and other meetings as deemed necessary by the OEA President. Four to eight meetings per month would not be unusual.
- Serve as representatives of the organization at regular and special functions, such as New Teachers' Orientation, for example.
- Maintain consistent communications with OEA President and Board members. Reasonable response time is within 24 hours. Must provide working home or alternate email, as we will not communicate via OPS email.
- Establish and maintain good relationship with ARs and their buildings as assigned, including current contact information.
- Promote the goals and purpose of the Association as established by the President, Officers and Board of Directors.
- Advance the OEA Agenda, not a personal agenda.