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To: All PAT Members
From: Ailien Tran, Chairperson, PAT Nominations & Elections Committee
Date: November 18, 2020
RE: Election of PAT Officers, Executive Board Directors, and Delegates to the NEA and OEA Representative Assemblies

Nominations for PAT elected positions will open on November 18, 2020, 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 18, 2020, at PAT RA
- **Nominations close:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at the PAT January RA. Nominations close at 7:00 p.m., except for Executive Board candidates. **Nominations close on Friday, January 8, 2021, at 5:00 pm, for Executive Board candidates because their speeches need to be recorded prior to the January 2021 RA.**
- **Candidate Speeches** – (Officer and Executive Board candidates only) - The PAT Nominations and Elections Committee will contact candidates prior to the January RA to schedule a time to record speeches and take photos (via Zoom). Speeches will be shown at the January RA. Candidates' speeches and photos will be attached to the ballot for all members to view while voting.
- **Voters' Pamphlet and Ballots sent electronically to members** - February 8, 2021
- **Ballots due; campaign activities must end** – by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021
- **Election date** - Votes to be counted at 5:15 p.m. on February 25, 2021

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 by November 18, 2020**, on the PAT website (www.pdxteachers.org/pat_elections).

Open Positions – See Descriptions on Reverse

Executive Board: Four (4) Positions
Term: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023
Responsibilities: Monthly Board and RA meetings, liaison to Building Reps in an assigned Zone, liaison to a PAT committee.

NEA RA Delegate: Approximately Twenty-six (26) Positions, up to nine (9) positions funded by PAT
Term: 2021 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: 2021, 2022 & 2023 OEA Representative Assemblies
Responsibilities: Attend pre-RA training, attend OEA RA, vote on OEA policies, budget, legislative program, and OEA officers.

2020/2021 PAT Elections – Position Descriptions

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 2-year term (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023)

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 2021 NEA RA will either be held in Denver, Colorado, or will be held virtually, on July 2 – July 6.

***NOTE:** Election as a PAT NEA delegate does not guarantee a stipend from PAT to attend. As of this date, PAT will fund nine (9) of the delegates elected in this election. The elected delegates will be funded in order of number of votes received; the same process will apply if additional funded positions become available. Delegates who are funded will receive a stipend that covers flight, hotel, and some meals. Any elected delegate may choose to attend the NEA RA at his/her/their own expense.*

DELEGATE TO OEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY – 3-year term (2021, 2022, 2023)

Under normal circumstances, OEA Representative Assembly Delegates attend the annual state convention held each spring (to be held virtually in 2021). The OEA RA begins on a Friday evening and concludes late Saturday afternoon. 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 (date and location not yet determined). Due to COVID, the 2021 OEA RA will be held virtually, April 16-17, 2021.