

Portland Association of Teachers Bylaws

Proposed Changes 11/1/17

ARTICLE 5 FAIR SHARE FEE PAYERS

Rights, Limitations, and Obligations of Fee Payers

Fair share fee payers shall be accorded the rights and privileges as required by law and determined by the Executive Board.

- A. Fee Payers may not vote in any elections including contract ratifications, strike votes, and contract exceptions.
- B. Fee Payers may not hold elected offices, appointed positions, or serve on committees.
- C. Fee Payers shall be eligible to receive reports and publications of the Association.
- D. Fee Payers are not entitled to free member services that are or could be designated as “non-chargeable” expenses by the OEA, NEA, or any legal body.

ARTICLE 12 NOMINATIONS, BALLOTING AND ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections shall be conducted according to procedures and policies set forth in these Bylaws and in the Nominations and Elections Handbook.

Section 1 Nominations

- a) The Nominations and Elections Committee shall declare to the PAT Representative Assembly no later than the November meeting vacancies for offices, Executive Board directorship and delegates to the Representative Assemblies of OEA and NEA. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall close nominations no later than the January Representative Assembly. Any Association member may nominate other candidates from the floor, providing the candidate shall have given prior consent.
- b) The Nominations and Elections Committee shall report at the January PAT Representative Assembly the names of candidates.

Section 2 Balloting

- a) At least two weeks prior to balloting, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall publish and distribute to active members brief information on the candidates in the voter’s pamphlet.
- b) Ballots shall be delivered to active members and the vote held within ninety (90) days immediately following the close of nominations. Elections shall be by secret ballot, except as referenced in c)
- c) In circumstances referenced in Article 6, section 6 b, when an interim election is held at an RA, voting may be done by acclamation for uncontested races.