

MTA

ANNUAL MEETING
OF DELEGATES

2017 PRECONVENTION MEETINGS

172nd
YEAR

**Northeast &
Metro Region**
April 24

**Central
Region**
April 25

**Southeast
Region**
May 2

**Western
Region**
May 3

**Cape Cod &
Islands Region**
May 4



MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Colleagues,

The 2017 MTA Annual Meeting of Delegates will be held at the Hynes Convention Center on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20. As members gather from across the state, this is your opportunity to debate issues and shape the direction of the MTA.

In order to be best prepared for the Annual Meeting, it is essential that you attend a pre-convention meeting. At these meetings, we will provide delegates with materials and information about some of the issues and the business that will be transacted at the Annual Meeting.

In coming to the Annual Meeting, you have accepted important responsibilities as a participant in the democratic process. Specific duties are outlined on the next page of this booklet. Please review these, come to a pre-convention meeting, and then come to the Annual Meeting prepared for the vigor of democratic debate.

Meeting registration and material pickup begins at 3:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming pre-convention meetings. For more information, e-mail Mary Gilgallon, director of the Division of Governance and Administration, at mgilgallon@massteacher.org, or call 617.878.8213.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Madeloni
President



Erik J. Champy
Vice President



GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

In order to be prepared to perform their duties, delegates have a responsibility to attend a preconvention meeting. Delegates from higher education chapters, regional ethnic minority delegates and Statewide Retired District delegates should attend the preconvention meeting in the service region most geographically convenient to them. If delegates prefer to attend a preconvention meeting outside their own service region or wish to attend more than one, they may do so. Preconvention meetings are open to all MTA members who wish to attend.

INFORMATION PACKETS FOR DELEGATES

Delegates will pick up their information packets at their preconvention sites. Members of the MTA Board of Directors will monitor packet pickup. Delegates who cannot attend should have one member from their local association be responsible for picking up and delivering the preconvention materials to them. Packets not picked up at preconvention meetings will be sent out by request only. For more information, contact the Division of Governance & Administration at 617.878.8213.

ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE DUTIES

According to the *MTA Bylaws, ARTICLE IX, DELEGATE MEETINGS, Section 2. Delegates, G. Duties* the delegates to the Annual Meeting shall:

- (1) Have jurisdiction over the accreditation of delegates and alternates at the Annual Meeting.
- (2) Adopt the agenda and the rules governing the meetings.
- (3) Elect the President, Vice President, Regional Executive Committee members, the At-Large ESP Executive Committee member, the Statewide Retired Region Executive Committee member, the Board of Directors, the At-Large Director for Ethnic Minority Membership, the At-Large Director for Education Support Professionals, the Statewide Retired District Director(s), and the members of the Candidate Recommendation Committee as is provided in these Bylaws.
- (4) Fill interim vacancies that have occurred in the positions of Vice President, Executive Committee members, Board of Directors, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 2F, 3E, and 4E.
- (5) Adopt the annual budget of the Association.
- (6) Establish the level of annual dues.
- (7) Amend the Bylaws of the Association.
- (8) Act on new business items brought before it.
- (9) Enact all other such measures as may be necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the Association which are not in conflict with the Bylaws.
- (10) Exercise final authority in all matters of the Association, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or by statute.

2017 PRECONVENTION SITES

3:30 P.M. REGISTRATION | 4:30 P.M. MEETING BEGINS

REGION & DATE

Northeast & Metro
Monday, April 24

Central
Tuesday, April 25

Southeast
Tuesday, May 2

Western
Wednesday, May 3

Cape Cod & Islands
Thursday, May 4

LOCATION

Crowne Plaza-Woburn
15 Middlesex Canal Park Road
Woburn, MA 01801

Hilton Garden Inn
170 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Holiday Inn Taunton
700 Myles Standish Boulevard
Taunton, MA 02780

Hadley Farms Meeting House
41 Russell Street
Hadley, MA 01035

Cape Codder Resort/Spa
1225 Iyannough Road (RT. 132 & Bears's Way)
Hyannis, MA 02601

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR ALL MEETINGS

1. Presentation on the Budget and Dues
2. Proposed Amendments to MTA Bylaws & Standing Rules
3. Proposed Resolutions
4. Opportunity to hear from candidates for MTA offices