

## **Procedure to Elect Delegates and Alternates for the 2019 MTA Annual Meeting**

Delegates for the MTA Annual Meeting are allocated by the MTA to the MSCA as a block. However, the MSCA apportions its delegation among the nine chapters, based on a one-person, one-vote principle, for nomination and election. In the last few decades the MSCA Board of Directors has adopted a procedure similar to that below to elect alternate delegates for the MTA Annual Meeting in an effort to optimize our participation at the meeting. I recommend the adoption of the following procedure this year.

1. Chapter presidents must report the names of the delegates elected by the membership of the chapter, plus the list of alternates and the number of votes each alternate received to the MSCA President's Office no later than **Thursday, April 5, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** If the list of alternates does not conform to this procedure the names of alternates shall be rejected and the chapter president notified of this rejection. Chapter presidents are urged to send names in before the deadline in order to rectify misreporting of alternates.

If, in accordance with MTA election rules, a chapter has the same number or fewer candidates for delegates than the number allocated to the chapter, then the election is waived and no election for that chapter is required. However, if additional candidates wish to be delegates after the chapter reports names to the MSCA President's Office, the chapter will need to hold an election **for its entire delegation.**

**When names are reported to the MSCA President's Office after an election the chapter president shall report the number of votes received by each candidate.**

The MSCA President shall not seat any alternates from a chapter unless the number of votes received by each candidate has been reported to the MSCA President's Office.

Open delegation seats shall only be filled after the reporting deadline in the first paragraph above. Alternates shall be seated based on the number of votes they received with the alternates with the highest number of votes seated first.

2. **Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel reservation.** You can use the [hotel link](#) on the MTA website, or go to:

<https://massteacher.org/events-and-conferences/mta-annual-meeting-of-delegates>

and look for Hotel Reservations, and follow those links.

Delegates may stay in any hotel, **but the MSCA will only reimburse delegates for a hotel room at the rate Sheraton Boston quoted rate of \$259 (plus taxes and fees). The MSCA will only cover the cost of a room for evening of Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

3. The MSCA President's Office shall verify with the MSCA Treasurer's Office that the delegates and alternates elected are in good standing and are eligible to serve.

4. After each chapter's delegates have been verified vacancies in the MSCA's allocation shall be filled by the alternates elected by the chapters. If the number of remaining vacancies is greater than or equal to the total number of alternates, then all alternates shall be declared elected as delegates.
5. If the number of vacancies in the MSCA's allocation is less than the total number of alternates from all chapters, vacancies shall be filled by alternates, in seating order (see paragraph 1 above) by chapter, in proportion to the number of MTA members in the chapters that have elected alternates. In the event of a tie between or among alternates, a drawing by lot shall be used to fill the vacancy.
6. Whenever a vacancy occurs among a chapter's elected delegates, the vacancy shall be filled by the next alternate that was elected by that chapter. If the alternates elected by that chapter have been exhausted, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the procedure in paragraph 5, above.
7. Chapter presidents shall be responsible for the prompt notification of the MSCA President's Office whenever they become aware of a vacancy in the chapter's delegation.

**Example:**

The MSCA has 5 open delegate seats after all chapters have had their elected allocations filled. Chapter A, Chapter B and Chapter C are the only chapters that have elected alternates.

Chapter A has	100 MTA members
Chapter B has	150 MTA members
<u>Chapter C has</u>	<u>75 MTA members</u>
Total	325 MTA members

Chapter A has  $100 \div 325 = 0.3077$  or 30.77% of the membership of chapters that elected alternates. Chapter A is entitled to have  $0.3077 \times 5 = \mathbf{1.539}$  alternates seated.

Chapter B has  $150 \div 325 = 0.4615$  or 46.15% of the membership of chapters that elected alternates. Chapter B is entitled to have  $0.4615 \times 5 = \mathbf{2.308}$  alternates seated.

Chapter C has  $75 \div 325 = 0.2308$  or 23.08% of the membership of chapters that elected alternates. Chapter C is entitled to have  $0.2308 \times 5 = \mathbf{1.154}$  alternates seated.

**Chapter A is entitled to 1 additional seat, Chapter B is entitled to 2 additional seats and Chapter C is entitled to 1 additional seat.** Since there remains a fifth open seat, that seat is assigned to Chapter A since it has the majority fraction (0.539 as compared to 0.308 and 0.154) and so Chapter A would be awarded the fifth vacant seat. The allocation would be:

<b>Chapter A receives 2 additional seats</b>
<b>Chapter B receives 2 additional seats</b>
<b>Chapter C receives 1 additional seat</b>

Note: If Chapter A had only elected one alternate delegate, then the fifth seat would be awarded to Chapter B having the majority fraction (0.308 compared to 0.154).