



AFT-WEST VIRGINIA AFL-CIO



ELECTION NEWSLETTER

September 2021

It's election time for the executive board of AFT-West Virginia. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you, the member, of the time and date of the election, the offices and other positions to be elected, and the pertinent election procedures. If any of your questions about the upcoming election are not answered in this newsletter, please feel free to call the AFT- WV office at 1-800-222-9838.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE ELECTION?

The election of the members of the AFT-WV executive board and its delegates will be held at our annual constitutional convention at the *Embassy Suites* in Charleston, WV, November 4-6, 2021. The election itself will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 6. On Friday, AFT-WV will host workshops for members with sessions being offered on various professional issues.

WHAT OFFICES OR POSITIONS ARE TO BE ELECTED?

The AFT-WV executive board consists of four (4) officers: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer; and 14 members-at-large. An ex-officio retiree member will also be elected. All positions are up for election. The length of each term is three (3) years.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE, A POSITION FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE, OR AS A DELEGATE FOR LOCAL #8046?

Candidates must have membership in AFT- West Virginia. Those candidates must be members in good standing. ***Please Note** -- In order for a member to be in good standing, his/her local must have paid state per capita taxes through the month of August 2021. No member may run for more than one office; however, if a candidate loses his/her bid for one of the four offices he/she may then run for an at-large position on the executive board. There may be no more than two members representing the same local on the executive board at any time.

WHO ACTUALLY ELECTS THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD?

Every local is entitled to a certain number of delegates based upon membership. The local president shall be notified of the number of delegates allowed. Those delegates are to be determined by a secret ballot vote in each local.

HOW DOES THE ELECTION TAKE PLACE?

Delegates must present their credentials (the original copy) to the election committee by 12 noon on November 5, 2021. The election will begin at 9:00 A.M. on November 6, 2021. Nominations for each of the four offices will be accepted by the chair.

A motion to close the nominations will not be in order. The chair must ask for further nominations on three different occasions with no response for the nominations to be closed. The candidates will then be awarded a maximum of five (5) minutes to address the assembly. After the four officers have been elected, the remaining thirteen at-large executive board members and the one ex-officio retiree member will be elected in the same manner. All delegates present who are members of local #8046 will then caucus to elect their lead delegate to the AFT-WV convention. Local #8046 members are all those full members who are not affiliated with a chartered local in addition to the newly elected executive board which is the governing body for local #8046.

HOW ARE THE VOTES CAST?

The number of votes cast by a county will be equal to the average number of members in that county on which per capita has been paid for the first six (6) months of the eight (8) months prior to the convention. (These figures will be provided to local leadership.) Let's say, for example, that Wayne County is entitled to 100 votes. If Wayne County sends four delegates to the convention, each delegate's ballot will count as 25 votes. If Wayne County only sends two delegates, each ballot will be worth 50 votes. If Wayne County can only send one delegate, that ballot will be worth 100 votes. A county may not have more delegates than allowed by our constitution, but may have fewer. However, in the interest of the fair representation of your membership, it is advised to have a full contingency of delegates present if possible.

HOW CAN A PERSON BE NOMINATED FOR AN OFFICE?

A person can be nominated in one of three ways:

By declaration - A candidate may announce his/her candidacy to seek office by submitting an ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY form to the elections committee. This must be accompanied by a NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE form submitted by a nominator.

By nomination - A candidate may be nominated by the submission of a NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE form by a nominator. This candidate shall then complete the ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY form for the nomination to be valid.

***Please Note** -- The difference in these two methods is that one originates with the candidate and the other originates with the nominator.

From the floor - Candidates for any position may be nominated from the floor of the convention. In the absence of the candidate, the nominator must have the written permission of the nominee.

IS THERE ADVANTAGE TO DECLARING YOUR CANDIDACY BEFORE THE CONVENTION?

Yes, candidates who have the proper paperwork turned in by October 6th are entitled to have a campaign article published in the 2nd special edition of the election newsletter which will be available on the convention floor. These articles are limited to 100 words. The articles will be printed verbatim and in alphabetical order by candidate's last name. No individual may have more than one letter printed in this newsletter. These campaign articles are due in the AFT-WV office by October 25, 2021. Announced candidates may also request a mailing list of all registered delegates prior to the convention.

**STAFF MEMBERS ARE PRECLUDED FROM
CAMPAIGNING. NO CANDIDATE SHOULD
REQUEST ANY CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE FROM AFT-
WV STAFF MEMBERS. NO AFT-WV FUNDS, OTHER
THAN THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PUBLICATION OF
THE SPECIAL EDITIONS OF THE ELECTION
NEWSLETTER, SHALL BE EXPENDED TOWARD THE
PROMOTION OF ANY CANDIDATE.**

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1320 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25301

Attn: Elections Committee

FORMS

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY
FOR OFFICE/EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AFT-WEST VIRGINIA**

OFFICE SOUGHT _____ Regular 3-yr term _____
Vacancy _____

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____

Address (Please print clearly) _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Local _____ Local # _____

I WILL ACCEPT THE POSITION OF _____
ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AFT-WEST VIRGINIA IF ELECTED.

Signature of Candidate Date Signed

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE
FOR OFFICE/EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AFT-WEST VIRGINIA**

I HEREBY NOMINATE _____ OF _____
(Print name of candidate) (Local name & #)

Address Zip Code

FOR THE OFFICE OF _____ Regular 3-yr term _____
Vacancy _____

NAME OF NOMINATOR _____

Address Zip Code

Name of Local _____ Local # _____

Signature of Nominator Date Signed