



AFT-WEST VIRGINIA AFL-CIO

SPECIAL ELECTION NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Although this is not a regular election year for AFT-West Virginia, a special election must be conducted for the unexpired term of one executive board vacancy. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you, the member, of the time and date of the election, the office 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 to fill the unexpired term of one AFT-WV executive board position will be held at our annual constitutional convention at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, WV on November 9-11, 2023. The election itself will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 11, 2023

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR THE VACANCY?

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 2023. 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 MEMBER-AT-LARGE?

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 10, 2023. The election will begin at 10:00 A.M. on November 11, 2023. Nominations for the executive board position 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. All delegates present who are members of local #8046 will then meet to elect their delegates to the AFT convention. Local #8046 members are all those full members who are not affiliated with a chartered local in addition to the 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 (February- July) of the eight (8) months prior to the convention. (These figures will be provided to local leadership.) For example, Wayne County may be 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?

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 nominations 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 27, 2023 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 the 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 27, 2023. 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 NEWSLETTERS, SHALL BE EXPENDED TOWARD THE PROMOTION OF ANY CANDIDATE.

AFT-WV CONVENTION INFORMATION

Please send forms to the AFT-WV office at the following address:

AFT-West Virginia
1320 Kanawha Blvd East
Charleston, WV 25301
Attn: Elections Committee

FORMS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AFT-WEST VIRGINIA

OFFICE SOUGHT _____ Unexpired 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 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF AFT-WEST VIRGINIA

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

Address _____ Zip Code _____

FOR THE OFFICE OF _____ Unexpired Vacancy

NAME OF NOMINATOR _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Local _____ Local # _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date Signed _____