

BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION, INC.

FIRST REPORT OF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mary Favata, Chairperson, #198
Janine Williams #206
Mike Jeffers #131@4
Chelsey Waz #48@39

Brian Hilton, Secretary, #33
Kathleen Kinney #19
Gabrielle Lockwood #45

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Nominations will be opened for 27 officers of the BTF on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the Council of Delegates meeting and will close on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

2. The positions to be filled will be the following offices:

Executive Offices

President/Vice President (two candidates to run as a team)
Secretary
Treasurer

(Candidates for election to the above-named positions must be Probationary or Contract teachers)

Executive Committee Offices

6 – Elementary Classroom Teachers, PreK–6

7 – Secondary Teachers, 7–12

7 – K–12 Teachers (Teachers of Art, Music, Physical Education, Librarians, Special Education Teachers, Remedial Teachers, Teachers who work with referred students, i.e., Attendance Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Psychologists, Social Workers, and all other teachers not named or described in any other category or sub-category.)

3 – At-Large

3. The term of office shall be two (2) years.

4. A member may only be a candidate for one office.

5. Any candidate for any Executive office shall be an active member who shall have maintained continuous membership in the BTF for the entire year in which he or she is nominated.

6. No member whose name appears on an eligible list for any position which would make him or her ineligible for membership in the BTF shall be eligible to be a candidate for office.

II. PROCEDURE:

1. **Nominations at the March Council of Delegates Meeting** – Candidates for election as officers of this Federation shall be nominated at the Thursday, March 11th Council of Delegates meeting. The nomination portion of the meeting will be recorded to ensure all nominations are properly identified.

2. At the time of nominating, one minute total floor time shall be allowed the nominator. Nominations shall be made separately for each office with the exception of the President and the Vice President who shall run as a team.

3. Those who are nominated from the floor of the March 11th Council of Delegates meeting shall submit in writing, to the Committee Secretary, the following information, via the Zoom meeting chat:

a) Name of Nominator and School # (must be a member of the Council of Delegates)

b) Nominee and Category for which nominated

c) Name of Seconder, School #, and Nominee (must be a member of the Council of Delegates)

Example:

- **Brian Hilton #33, I nominate John Doe for PreK-6 Elementary**
- **Janine Williams #206, I second the nomination for John Doe**

The nominator must submit to Brian Hilton, Committee Secretary, the written nomination before the close of the March 11th Council of Delegates meeting in order for the nomination to be recognized by the Elections Committee. The nomination (see example above) must be submitted to the Zoom meeting chat during the March Council of Delegates meeting.

- 4. Nominations sent through U.S. mail** – Nomination of candidates for election as officers of this Federation may also be submitted by a letter of intent listing the Name of Nominator and Seconder with their phone, email and School Number. Such letter must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the BTF office. This letter shall be addressed to Mary Favata, Elections Committee Chairperson; it shall be postmarked no earlier than Thursday, March 11, 2021 and no later than Thursday, March 25, 2021 and shall arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Candidates nominated in this way are strongly advised to keep their receipts. Such candidates are also advised that the Elections Committee shall, in no way, be held accountable for inadequacies of the United States Postal System. A sample nomination form may be found on the BTF website: www.btfny.org, Officers Elections tab.
5. No acceptance forms will be provided. No later than Thursday, April 1, 2021, a list of all nominees shall be sent to each member nominated for office. Candidates who wish to decline nomination shall submit a letter of declination prior to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.
6. a) Anyone nominated in more than one Executive Office category must decline nomination in all but one category.
b) Anyone nominated in more than one Executive Committee category must decline nomination in all but one category. Failure to do so will result in being placed in the At-Large category.
7. As nominations are received in the BTF office, Candidates shall receive a packet of information for use of the BTF Provocator. Candidate statements and all advertisements shall be submitted no later than Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 13, 2021 a lottery for BTF Provocator position shall be held.
- 8. Positions on the ballot shall be determined by lottery.** There will be two lotteries, one for category position on the ballot and one for order of placement in the election issue of the Provocator. These shall take place at the BTF office at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 under the supervision of the Elections Committee. Each nominee may request a link to observe his or her position drawn by contacting Mary Favata at mfavata541@gmail.com by Friday, April 9, 2021.
9. Candidates will be listed by name only. No group affiliations will be designated on the ballot.
10. Any questions arising from interpretation or application of these rules must be submitted in writing to the Committee by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by email to Mary Favata mfavata541@gmail.com AND Brian Hilton brian14209@aol.com to arrive no later than ten (10) days after the March 11, 2021 Council of Delegates meeting.
11. Any claim of misapplication of these rules must be filed, in writing, stating the specific misapplication to this committee within 48 hours of such alleged incident, by certified mail, return receipt requested or by email to Mary Favata mfavata541@gmail.com AND Brian Hilton brian14209@aol.com.
12. This committee will report the procedure for campaigns and elections at the March Council of Delegates meeting following the acceptance of nominations.