



# AFT Convention Election and Rules

## American Federation of Teachers

Boston, MA | July 14–17, 2022

### FOR THE AFT CONVENTION THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

1. In order to be nominated, a dues-paying member must obtain the signatures of fifty (50) other members from within the designated title groupings for this convention (see listings).
2. A nominee may not sign his/her own petition.
3. A member may sign only one (1) nominating petition.
4. The accuracy of the information contained in the petition is the responsibility of the person filing the petition.
5. Nominating forms will be posted by 9:00 AM on **February 7, 2022** at [www.pef.org/elections](http://www.pef.org/elections). Faxing is not allowed. All petitions must be returned by via email to [Divisions@pef.org](mailto:Divisions@pef.org) or by United States mail as follows:

**Mailed:** Original petitions must be returned to PEF-Albany Headquarters c/o Divisions Department at PO Box 12414, Albany, NY 12212-2414 no later than 5:00 PM on **March 1, 2022**.

**Petitions may not picked-up or returned to PEF Headquarters or any PEF Regional Office.**

6. Petitions may be returned by certified mail (return receipt requested), although this is not required. Certified mail can take longer than regular mail. Postal failures or inadequacies are a matter between the mailer and the post office, not the Elections Committee. PEF sends each nominee a notice of receipt.
7. Per the PEF Constitution and Executive Board policy, the five (5) statewide officers are automatic delegates to the AFT Convention.
8. In addition to the statewide officers, a minimum of ten (10) elected delegates will comprise the PEF delegation to the convention AFT convention.
9. If ten (10) or fewer valid nominating petitions are received, those individuals who submitted a valid petition will be deemed duly elected for AFT.
10. The Secretary-Treasurer will estimate the cost of sending one delegate to the forthcoming AFT Convention. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer will provide the committee with a cost estimate for holding an election. The committee will determine the breakdown of the total number of delegates that could attend the convention, compared with the cost of holding an election. This will be determined by dividing the cost of holding an election by the cost of sending one delegate to the convention. If the total number of valid petitions received is equal to or fewer than the

break-even number, all eligible members who submitted valid petitions up to our maximum number of delegates allotted will be deemed duly elected.

11. If the number of valid petitions received is greater than the break-even total (see #10), an election will be held. Alternates will fill the delegate openings by rank order of the number of votes received in the election. Ties will be broken by random drawing.
  - No EOL (Employee Organization Leave) will be provided for delegates attending the AFT Convention
  - Travel and lodging will be arranged and provided by PEF.
  - A per-diem allowance for meals will be provided by PEF.

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### AFT CONVENTION

**Site:** Boston, MA

**Dates:** July 14 - July 17, 2022

**PEF title groups eligible to attend the AFT convention:** A, B, C, D, E, Q and S.

Elections (if needed) will begin with ballots being mailed by **March 8, 2022** with a return date of 5 p.m. **March 29, 2022**.

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### AFT PEF JOB-TITLE GROUPINGS

**A.** Nurses and related nursing titles.

**B.** Engineers, right-of-way agents, designers, architects, drafting and related engineering technicians, pilots and conservation titles.

**C.** Teachers, librarians, trainers and related educational titles.

**D.** Doctors, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, dieticians, veterinarians, pharmacists, health-care, home-economists and related medical researchers.

**F,Q,S.** Chaplains, scientists, cultural affairs specialists, related artists and sciences professionals, management personnel and related administration specialists, planners and supervisors. ■