

Be part of the largest democratic body in the world!

Be a Delegate to the 2026 NEA-RA

Almost 100 AEA members become a part of the world's largest deliberative body—8,000 strong—when they are elected by their colleagues to represent them at the NEA Representative Assembly each year. The NEA-RA is the governing body of the 3 million members of NEA. The 2026 annual meeting, to be held July 3-7, sets objectives, passes a budget, determines direction and votes on guiding principles for the Association, the largest professional organization and union in the country.

You can be part of this exciting process by running as an AEA statewide delegate; regional delegate; retired delegate; or as a delegate representing your local association. Nominate yourself to be a statewide, regional, or retired delegate by completing the form on page 11. To run as a candidate representing your local, contact your local president. Local elections are usually held in the early spring, but vary from local to local.

AEA-Retired members may be eligible for up to three delegates, depending on the January 15, 2026 membership figures.

AEA is allotted a certain number of delegate positions based on the size of statewide membership. NEA-AEA Active members will vote for at least four Statewide Delegates and 16 Regional Delegates depending on the January 15, 2026 membership figures. In the

Members of color are especially encouraged to run for AEA leadership positions and as an RA delegate.

Regional Delegates:

Please look for your local association's name and the corresponding Election District (A through R) before completing your nomination form.

event a candidate is elected to both a regional and statewide position, he or she must declare within ten days of official notification which position the candidate will accept. If a delegate fails to respond within ten days of the date of the official notification, he or she will be declared elected as a regional delegate.

Nominees must complete the Delegate Nomination Form on page 11 and must submit it on or before 5 PM on January 23, 2026. Forms may be submitted via mail, hand delivery, fax, or email. Please see the instructions on page 11.

IMPORTANT: Voting Process



AEA members will vote online for their 2026 NEA-RA Statewide, Regional, and Retired delegate representatives. Online voting will open on March 11, 2026 and close on April 10, 2026. Individuals may request paper ballots to cast their votes during this period.

If you have questions about online voting, please contact Nicole Adams, staff liaison to the AEA Elections Committee, at 602-407-2343 or 800-352-5411, ext. 143.

AEA Elections Timeline

December 2025 - February 2026

- Nominations accepted for NEA-RA delegates (statewide, regional, retired, local)
- Local associations should conduct a call for nominations for local delegate positions to the AEA Delegate Assembly and NEA-RA

2026

January 23

Deadline for NEA-RA statewide, regional, and retired delegate nominations

February 2-6

NEA RA election reports and AEA Delegate Assembly election reports emailed to local presidents

March 2

Deadline for AEA Board of Directors nomination publication since March 1 falls on a weekend. The next business day applies.

March 11-April 10

Online voting available to all members for NEA-RA statewide, regional, and retired candidates

March 24

Deadline to report 2026 Delegate Assembly elected delegates and alternates

April 10

Deadline to report 2026 NEA-RA local association elected delegates and successors

May 8-9

2026 Delegate Assembly
Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel

July 3-7

2026 NEA-RA
Denver, CO

NEA Representative Assembly

Election Districts for 2026 NEA-RA Regional Delegates

Members will elect One (1) Regional Delegate from each Election District, unless otherwise noted.

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| Total Election District R | Mesa EA Mesa ESP | | | |

Student Delegate to NEA-RA

The Arizona Education Association's student members of the National Education Association-Student Program (NEA-SP) will elect one delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. Delegate entitlement will be determined by membership as of March 15, 2026. At that time, the Arizona Education Association's Elections Committee will proceed with the nomination and election processes to elect Arizona's Student Delegate.

* The Election Districts are subject to change based on the January 15, 2026, membership numbers.