

Duties of the Election Committee

If you are interested in running for the Election Committee, please refer to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Detroit Federation of Teachers. The information below is taken from the By-Laws pg.9.

Article IV

Election Procedures

Section 1.

Election Committee

(a) The Election Committee shall consist of seven members who shall be elected by a plurality vote at the regular March membership meeting beginning in 1968. An election shall not be held if the number of candidates for an office does not exceed the number of positions to be filled. The nominated candidates shall be elected by acclaim (Adopted March 16, 2000)

(b) No officer, member of the Executive Board, nor candidate for office may be a member of the Election Committee.

(c) Members shall serve two-year terms, staggered so that three (3) are elected in each odd year and four (4) are elected in each even year. The Election Committee shall elect its own chairperson each April from among those members who have a minimum of one year's experience. (Adopted June 8, 1978)

(d) The election committee shall be responsible for supervising general elections, i.e. elections of Union Officers, Executive Board Members, Trustees and referenda, except that the Executive Board shall set the schedule of specific dates for such elections within the framework provided by the By-Laws the election committee shall be responsible for delegate elections as provided in Article 5 Section 2 and for election committee elections

(e) In case of vacancy, the Executive Board shall name a temporary replacement to serve until the next membership meeting at which time the vacancy shall be filled by a plurality vote at an election. Such vacancy shall be made known before the meeting. (Adopted March 16, 2000).

(f) A quorum of the Election Committee shall be four (4). Actions of the Election Committee shall be by major vote of those committee members present.

(g) The Election Committee may name an independent ballot-counting agency to count the vote in any general election referendum or special election with the approval of the Executive Board.

Additional duties:

- Attend monthly Executive Board and General Membership Meetings
- Member intake for the in-person General Membership meetings
- Facilitate Bi-annual Officer and Delegate elections; Conduct Annual Election Committee Election
- Attend training with DFT leadership
- Manage election committee e-mail