

Chapter Election Rules

(Reference Association Policy 618)



Candidates for chapter elected office should review Association Policy 618 and the relevant elections language in the chapter's constitution. A digital copy of Policy Handbook, Publication 205, is available for download from the CSEA Website. A copy of the chapter's constitution can be obtained from the chapter's executive board.

Campaign Rules

- No resources of a chapter may be used to support, favor, or promote the candidacy of any person. There is to be no discrimination among candidates with respect to any procedures, use of facilities, mail, or chapter resources.
Chapter funds shall not be used to promote the candidacy of any person. Use of chapter funds in connection with chapter office elections shall be restricted to:
 - Issuance of nomination and election notices.
 - Issuance of ballots and other election expenses necessary for conducting the election.
 - Printing of candidate statements in a regular or special issue of the chapter newsletter, provided that all candidates shall be provided equal opportunity and equal space in the same issue.
- The Chapter Executive Board shall honor all reasonable requests of any candidate to distribute campaign literature, by mail or otherwise, at the expense of the candidate, to all members in good standing.
 - Candidates and their designees may not distribute campaign materials through the employer's mail and/or email system unless such distribution is approved by the chapter executive board. Candidates or their designees' placement of campaign materials in employee boxes shall not constitute use of the employer's mail system.
 - Candidates and their designees may not post campaign materials on CSEA bulletin boards unless such posting is approved by the chapter executive board.
 - Distribution and/or posting privileges, if provided to one candidate, must be accorded all other candidates on an equal basis and the chapter executive board must provide written notice to all candidates within twenty-four (24) hours upon approval.
- A candidate also has the option to mail (via U.S. mail) campaign materials to members through the chapter's assigned Field Office.
- The campaign literature shall be mailed in plain envelopes from the Field Office, with the candidate required to reimburse the Field Office for all relevant costs (labor and materials).
- Candidate promotional materials are not permitted to contain the CSEA shield or any other identification that would tend to denote Association sanction of the materials or endorsement of the candidacy.
- The chapter constitution may require that candidates are provided an opportunity to address the members present prior to the balloting.
- Candidates have the right to inspect the chapter membership list. Candidates for chapter office shall not receive a chapter membership list or mailing labels for campaign purposes.
- Candidates, or designated representatives (observers), have the right to observe the ballot tally process.
- Only members in good standing may campaign on behalf of any candidate for chapter office.
- No campaigning, including wearing of campaign buttons or other materials, is allowed within 25 feet of any in-person polling site to protect members' right to cast a secret ballot.