

January 16, 2026

To: All ATA Unit Members

From: Ralph Hernandez, ATA President

Subject: **Election of Local Delegates to the 2026 NEA Representative Assembly**

This year, the NEA Representative Assembly is scheduled to occur in Denver, CO between July 4-7, 2026. This is an important event where NEA members can vote to elect state and local delegates who will meet to propose goals and policies to determine the direction of NEA for the following school year.

As part of our commitment to supporting this event, ATA funds two elected chapter delegates up to the amount allotted by CTA (providing appropriate receipts) to attend the NEA Convention. **All** candidates on the ballot will be ranked in the order of votes received. The top two candidates with the highest votes will be elected as local delegates, and the number of votes received will determine the priority of the alternates. The elected chapter delegates will serve a two-year term, and the alternates will serve a one-year term.

If you're interested in becoming a local delegate candidate, please note that any ATA/CTA/NEA member can apply by filing a Declaration of Candidacy form with the ATA no later than 4:00 P.M., February 10, 2026. You can find the candidacy form on the back of this page.

DUTIES OF THE DELEGATE TO THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

1. Each delegate will be expected to arrive in Denver, CO in time to ensure registering as an official delegate to the Representative Assembly (RA), with both the California delegation and NEA.
2. Each delegate will be expected to attend all caucuses of the California delegation. Normally the caucus begins at 7:00 A.M. daily. Delegates must be registered with the California delegation to participate in the caucus. Delegates are expected to remain through the convention.
3. Each delegate shall attend all business meetings of the R.A.
4. Each delegate is strongly encouraged to attend NEA Budget Committee Hearings, Resolutions Committee Hearings, Bylaw Committee Hearings, and speeches by prominent national figures, etc.
5. Each delegate should take into consideration CTA State Council and caucus policy when voting.
6. Each delegate is encouraged to participate fully in all activities of the California delegation.
7. Each delegate, state and local, will be expected to sit with their Service Center Council delegation on the R.A. floor. This is to ensure communication regarding R.A. business and/or personal emergency information of concern to the delegate, as well as to verify attendance.

Election Timeline:

1/16/2026 Notification of the 2026 NEA Rep Assembly Election and Declaration Form

1/23/2026 Second Notification of the 2026 NEA Rep Assembly Election and Declaration Form

2/10/2026 Deadline to receive Declaration of Candidacy at the ATA office

2/23/26 thru 2/27/26 Election of both the State and Local Delegates

3/2/26 Announcement of Election Results for the Local Delegates

ALHAMBRA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR
LOCAL DELEGATE TO THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY IN 2026

I am a member in good standing of the following:

_____ ATA _____ CTA _____ NEA

I understand that, as a chapter delegate, my attendance is being directly funded by membership dues. I accept my responsibility to carry out the specified duties of the delegate.

Name: _____ Signature: _____
(please print)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Daytime telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ School Site: _____

E-Mail address: _____ I am a candidate for a state delegate position also. __Yes__ No

If yes and I am elected to both state and local delegate positions, please check:

_____ I will be a state delegate. _____ I will be a local delegate.

Please give a brief biographical sketch of no more than 30 words. (If more words are used, the information that accompanies ballots will include only the first 30 words.) If you wish your ethnic grouping to be listed, this will not count as part of the 30-word limitation.

This form must be received by the ATA office no later than 4:00 P.M. February 10, 2026. Please email to:
ataoffice3030@gmail.com

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that this document is received by the due date and time.
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