

California School Employees Association

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. Policy 618 is available on the CSEA website under the "resources" tab. A copy of the chapter's constitution can be obtained from the chapter's executive board. Printed copies of both documents can also be obtained by contacting the Executive Department at CSEA Headquarters (800) 632-2128, ext. 1284.

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.

Use of chapter funds in connection with chapter office elections are restricted to:

- o Issuance of nomination and election notices.
 - o Issuance of ballots and other election expenses.
 - o Printing of candidate statements in a chapter newsletter, provided that all candidates are provided equal opportunity and equal space in the same issue.
- All reasonable requests of any candidate to distribute/post campaign literature, at the candidate's expense, must be honored.
 - o 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.
 - o Candidates and their designees may not post campaign materials on CSEA bulletin boards unless such posting is approved by the chapter executive board.
 - o 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 campaign 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, etc., may be done within 25 feet of any polling site so as not to interfere with a member's right to cast a secret ballot.