2021 RA Delegate Communication #4: Standing Rules Passed and Next Steps

Delegates,

I want to thank all of those that were able to attend and take part in our opening session of the 2021 OEA Representative Assembly. I know that this new format of a virtual convention had some challenges but was really pleased that we had over 200 delegates log-in and participate in our business session to adopt the agenda, our 2019 OEA RA minutes, and our standing rules that will help us navigate through the business in front of our association.

We are working with the company who is helping facilitate the virtual conference to overcome some of the flagged technical issues around logging-in, participating in debate and voting to ensure we have a great program next month. There are a few changes that I wanted to make sure you are aware of in our adopted standing rules.

The submission deadline for NBIs, Legislative Objectives, and Resolutions will be on April 10th, a week earlier than the traditional deadline during our in-person RAs. This year, motions will not require seconds to make the process move more smoothly in the virtual environment. One other significant change is
move more smoothly in the virtual environment. One other significant change is that amendments to NBIs will not be allowed on the floor but can be submitted by the makers of the NBI by April 15\textsuperscript{th}. All of these changes are to help ensure we continue to have a strong democratic process while allowing us to manage lifting members voice during an online convention.

- **NBI Submission Form** (deadline 11:59PM on April 10th)
- **Legislative Objective Submission Form** (deadline 5PM on April 10\textsuperscript{th})
- **Resolution Submission Form** (deadline 3PM on April 10\textsuperscript{th})

If you have not had the opportunity to log-into the 2021 OEA RA website, we would encourage you to do that sooner rather than later. You should have received an email from info@oeara.org. We know that a many people who couldn’t immediately locate the email found it in either their junk or spam folder. Logging on requires setting a password for the website, and this acts as your credentialling for the event this year.

Thank you all for joining us this year as we continue to shape our union to empower educators to support our students.

We look forward to seeing you all soon as we start to have our hearings on April 10\textsuperscript{th} – 14\textsuperscript{th} and resume business on April 15\textsuperscript{th} – 17\textsuperscript{th}. ([AGENDA](#))

**Credentials Report for Business Conducted on March 16\textsuperscript{th}, 2021:**

- Credentialed Delegates for Purposes of Quorum: 206
- Motion to Adopt Agenda with Flexibility: PASSED
- Motion to adopt Minutes of 2019 OEA RA: PASSED
- Motion to adopt Standing Rules for 2021 OEA RA: PASSED

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