Board of Directors forwards the Proposed 2021 OEA RA Standing Rules with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Rule 1. The President of the Association or the President's designee shall preside at the meetings of the Representative Assembly (RA).

Rule 2. The Assembly shall have an official Parliamentarian to advise the presiding officer and to help delegates who wish to submit motions. Parliamentary questions raised on the floor must be directed to the presiding officer. The presiding officer rules on all procedural questions. Delegates wishing to challenge a ruling may do so. The decision will then be made by a majority of the delegates.

Rule 3. The Credentials Committee shall report the number of delegates and alternates registered.

Rule 4. Alternate delegate names are due at least 48 hours in advance of any scheduled business session.

For the purpose of candidate voting, those delegates credentialed at 12:00PM Friday, April 16 will receive both an electronic ballot for OEA officers and a mail ballot for NEA officers.

Late registrants shall be seated at the beginning of any session of the OEA Representative Assembly.

Rule 5. Delegates shall log in using the link provided and their unique delegate ID. Delegates may not share the Representative Assembly link or ID with any other individual.

Rule 6.

a. All amendments to OEA Bylaws, Policies, Standing Rules, Resolutions and Legislative Objectives as well as proposed new business items shall be made by the maker of the motion by the Thursday prior to the Representative Assembly and be accompanied by a 175-word or less statement of rationale. In addition, each of the proposed amendments and new business items shall be accompanied by the name and UniServ Council of the maker.

b. All motions which encumber the Association with expenditures shall include an estimate of the expenditures which shall be provided by the Executive Director or his/her designee and presented to the delegates. If adopted, Representative Assembly actions which encumber the Association with expenses shall be implemented by the OEA Program/Budget Committee and the Board of Directors.

Rule 7. Bylaws/Policies:

a. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be considered only if they are submitted sixty days prior to the Representative Assembly and in accordance with the Bylaws.

b. The Bylaws committee collects and edits proposed Bylaws and Policy changes but may not make any substantive alterations. It also presents proposed amendments to the Assembly for voting. A two-thirds affirmative vote is required to adopt any proposed Bylaw’s amendment.
Policy changes are enacted by majority vote. Goals are part of Policy.

Rule 8. Resolutions:

a. Each year, the Resolutions Committee shall review OEA’s Resolutions and propose any changes that would more clearly state OEA’s positions on critical issues facing education employees. The proposed changes will be provided to delegates in advance of RA.

b. Delegates who wish to make changes or additions to the Resolutions must submit their ideas, in writing, to the Committee. This may be done in advance of the RA or at any time before the end of the Resolutions Committee hearing(s). After the hearing(s), the Committee shall meet to consider proposals they have received. If the Committee decides to make any further changes, it will provide copies of the changes to the delegates.

c. The Resolutions Committee shall present the Resolutions (as changed by the Committee) to the RA and make a motion for approval. Delegates may request to pull individual Resolutions, to which changes have been proposed, to be considered separately. Resolutions not pulled will be voted on as a block.

d. Debate, and secondary amendments will be allowed only on the Resolutions for which changes are proposed by the Committee or by delegates in a timely manner. Any delegate who proposes an amendment to a Resolution, in a timely manner, to the Resolutions Committee will be allowed to make a motion on that Resolution on the RA floor.

e. After all debate, a vote will be taken to approve the entire list of Resolutions, including any changes.

Rule 9. New Business:

A New Business Item submitted by any delegate in writing will be distributed by the start of regional Caucuses. All New Business Items must be submitted prior to April 10th, 2021; amendments may be submitted by the maker no later than April 15th, 2021. The New Business item shall also include a statement of rationale and will be distributed with the name and board district number of mover included.

For the purposes of the 2021 OEA Representative Assembly, no second will be necessary.

A minimum of 90 minutes will be scheduled Saturday morning for discussion and action on New Business Items that have been distributed to the delegation. The Chair may set aside any NBI that would be impacted by a Bylaws or Policy Amendment that has been duly submitted and not acted on by the RA prior to this time.

Process:

• Any member who has an idea for a New Business Item (NBI) may speak to it at the New Business Item Hearing prior to the Representative Assembly (RA).
• Only a delegate, however, may move it on the floor of the RA.
• Before submitting an NBI, the author should check to ensure it is not in conflict with OEA’s guiding documents (Bylaws, Policies, Resolutions)
• Concepts for amendments to NBIs must be made by the maker prior to the NBI being introduced on the floor. Amendments during electronic platform floor debate will not be allowed.

• Each NBI must be written on an electronic motion form, include the name of the, and include both the action to be accomplished through the NBI and a rationale. Additionally, the author must also provide an estimate of the cost of the action.

• The language of the NBI should be clear and focused. It should include the action, the timeline, and specify who will be responsible for completing it.

• Once the NBI is written on the motion form, it should be submitted via electronic means.

• All NBIs will be reviewed by leaders and/or staff; the author will be notified once the review is completed to clarify any points in the NBI.

• Reviewers will inform the maker if they believe the NBI may be ruled out of order. The maker has the opportunity to rewrite the item or withdraw it prior to the final submission.

• All NBIs must be submitted by the close of the New Business Item Hearing.

• These NBIs will be distributed to delegates during their regional caucus meetings.

Rule 10. Legislative Objectives:

a. The proposed Legislative Objectives will be provided to delegates and a hearing will be held.

b. Delegates may propose additions or changes to the Proposed Legislative Objectives by submitting their changes, in writing, to the chairperson of the Legislative Advisory Council no later than the conclusion of the hearing(s).

c. After the chairperson of the Legislative Advisory Council makes a motion to approve the proposed Legislative Objectives, motions to amend will be accepted only if they have been properly submitted by the close of the hearing(s).

Rule 11. The following rules shall govern all floor debate:

a. Each speaker shall be limited to 1 minute for discussion on any topic, except that the maker of a motion shall have 2 minutes to present their motion, and may not speak again until all others who wish to speak on the same motion have been heard. A delegate wishing to speak shall not proceed until they have submitted a request to be in the queue, are recognized by the chair, gives their name and name of local, and is directed to proceed.

b. A delegate who has been granted the privilege of the floor may not yield any part of their time to another delegate.

c. A delegate speaking to a motion before the house may not move to close debate. A motion to close debate shall apply only to the motion currently before the house.

d. Votes on motions shall be by electronic ballot following debate in each session.

e. OEA Board Directors shall be Ex-Officio members of the Representative Assembly without voting rights unless they are also duly elected delegates; Directors have all other privileges of the Assembly including the rights to make motions and take part in floor debate.
f. On any motion, debate shall alternate between pro and con as follows:

In the event no speaker wishes to be recognized in opposition to the first speaker, debate shall be closed except as follows.

If after the maker of the motion has been allowed to speak in favor of the motion, no speaker wishes to speak in opposition to the motion, one additional speaker in favor will be allowed.

After this, if there are still no speakers wishing to speak in opposition, debate will be closed.

If, however, after two delegates speak in favor, there is a speaker in opposition, debate will then continue, alternating between pro and con.

g. A delegate who is unable to speak to the assembly due to a disability may have someone speak for them.

Rule 12. Candidate election procedures:

a. A member is considered nominated upon receipt of completed nomination forms, or upon nomination from the floor.

b. For each office the president or their designee will announce the names of members who have been duly nominated as candidates and will allow additional candidates to be nominated from the floor. No nominating speeches or statements will be allowed. (Nominations do not require a second.)

c. Each candidate for President is allowed 5 minutes to address the delegates. Delegates shall have 20 minutes to ask questions of Presidential candidates. Each question shall be answered by all candidates and candidates shall rotate the order in which they answer questions. Questions will be limited to 1 minute, answers will be limited to 3 minutes. In the event there is only one candidate, question time will be limited to 10 minutes. If a recognized delegate begins a question, and the time allotted for questions expires during the question or answer(s), time will be extended accordingly so that both the question and answer(s) may be completed as prescribed above.

d. Each candidate for State Vice President is allowed 5 minutes to address the delegates. Delegates shall have 20 minutes to ask questions of State Vice Presidential candidates. Each question shall be answered by all candidates and candidates shall rotate the order in which they answer questions. Questions will be limited to 1 minute, answers will be limited to 3 minutes. In the event there is only one candidate, question time will be limited to 10 minutes. If a recognized delegate begins a question, and the time allotted for questions expires during the question or answer(s), time will be extended accordingly so that both the question and answer(s) may be completed as prescribed above.

e. Each candidate for Regional Vice President will be allowed 5 minutes to address the delegates. Question and answer time will not be provided for Regional Vice Presidential candidates as a part of the regular session agenda.

f. Each candidate for NEA Director will be allowed 5 minutes to address the delegates. Question and answer time will not be provided
for NEA Director candidates as a part of the regular session agenda.

g. Each candidate for Racial Equity Board Director, ESP Director and ESP Proportional At-Large Director will be allowed 3 minutes to address the delegates. Question and answer time will not be provided.

Rule 13. Candidate Campaigning

a. No campaign material may be distributed or posted in any hearing.

b. Regional caucuses may establish their own rules about campaigning during their caucus but must treat all candidates equally.

c. Campaigns may not cause disruption to the business of the RA.

Rule 14. Notices for announcement to the Assembly shall be in writing, submitted by the person under whose authority the announcement is issued and shall be submitted to the President.

Rule 15. Items that have already been adopted for action by the Assembly, if resubmitted, shall be listed as "previously adopted items" and shall be readopted, unless amended or deleted.

Rule 16. The rules governing the Assembly which are not stated explicitly above shall be the rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

Rule 17. When a chairperson is not a delegate, he or she may not make motions on behalf of his/her committee or council and shall appoint another delegate to do so.

Rule 18. Meetings in conflict with the RA, hearings or regional caucuses, may not be scheduled without the approval of the OEA president because delegates are expected to attend all RA business sessions and to attend hearings and their regional caucus.

Rule 19. Minutes of the OEA RA will be posted on the OEA member website within 30 days of the adjournment of the Representative Assembly.

Rule 20. The OEA Board of Directors is empowered to approve proposed changes to these OEA RA Rules. The (changed) Rules will be available at Pre RA Meetings (PRAMs) and will be subject to approval by the RA.

Rule 21. No non-member educator of the year will speak at the RA.