

Approved by the WTU Elections Committee
WASHINGTON TEACHERS' UNION CAMPAIGN RULES

The following is a brief summary of the Campaign Rules for the 2019 election of officers as presented by the Washington Teachers Union Elections Committee (WTUEC). Failure to adhere to the rules could result in disqualification from the Election. Should you have any questions or need further clarification about the rules of the campaign, please contact the WTUEC at wtuelectionscommittee2019@gmail.com.

FAQs:

Q1: Who pays for my campaign?

A1: You do. "Federal law prohibits the use of any union or employer funds to promote the candidacy of any person in a union officer election. This prohibition applies to cash, facilities, equipment, vehicles, office supplies, etc." It is advised that candidates "keep records of campaign contributions and expenses so that any allegations of improper use of union or employer funds can be resolved".

Q2: Where do I get my campaign literature?

A2a: You create your own literature. You may not use the WTU or the local school to print

A2b: Suggestion: Doyle Printing (the ONLY approved organization by the WTUEC):

Doyle Printing & Offset / 301-322-2860 (fax) Megan Shepherd / 240-487-7506 (direct)

Tom Doyle / 240-487-7501 prepress@doyleprint.com (files only) www.doyleprint.com FTP site

Postcards Ink: 2/C Stock: 100# Cougar Opaque Cover Size: 8.5x5.5 QTY: 4,300 = \$495.00

Tri-fold Brochure Ink: 2/C Stock: 70# Cougar Opaque text Size: 8.5x11, tri-folded QTY: 4,300 = \$540.00
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#10 Regular Envelope Ink: 2/C Stock: #10 24# White Wove Regular Envelope QTY: 4,300 = \$420.00
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**Plus the cost of mailing your literature @ First Class Postal Rate.*

A2c: Candidates may contact Doyle Printing directly to transact business regarding their design and printing needs. The payment process is COD for all union candidates. "The time frame is usually 3 to 5 days to produce material, obviously depending on the specifics of each job produced," Tom Doyle. "You may use any printer you desire, however, only Doyle Printing will be able to mail to the WTU membership," Committee Chairwoman Concha Johnson.

Q3: What are the parameters of the contents for campaign material?

A3a: All campaign literature MUST be organized in a professional manner. Absolutely No scurrilous campaign material of any kind is permitted.

A3b: Campaign literature (i.e. posters) may not be larger than 11 x17.

Q4: When can I campaign?

A4: **NOT ON:** Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 3:30pm. Campaigning may begin as early as May 6, 2019. Union officers and employees may not campaign on time paid for by the union or the employer.

Q5: Should Building Representatives distribute campaign literature?

A5: Candidates should reach out to the Building Reps to respectfully introduce themselves and ask the building rep's desired procedures for distribution. Candidates should be respectful of the members' space (i.e. do not remove items already on the bulletin boards or from mailboxes). As a Building Rep, it is your duty to distribute literature on behalf of WTU or create a space for the candidate to distribute their information despite your personal preference.

Q6: Can I have observers?

A6: At the tally site, each slate may have up to 5 approved observers. Independent Candidates may have up to 3 approved observers. Candidates may not be observers. Candidates should submit the names of their observers as soon as possible, but no later than June 7, 2019.

Q7: How does the membership vote?

A7: By mail. Ballots will be mailed out on May 28-29, 2019 to the last known address on file with the WTU and must be received through the mail by the Dorothy Height US post office by 3:00 pm on June 17, 2019. It is the WTUEC's best recommendation that membership mail the ballot as soon as possible upon receipt. If you do not receive your ballot in the mail, please contact Valerie Kilby at the WTU Membership Department via phone, 202-517-1473 or email, vkilby@wtulocal6.net, to verify your address on file with the WTU and request a duplicate ballot, if necessary.

Q8: Who will count the ballots?

A8: Ballots will be collected and counted by TrueBallot, Inc., an independent agency. One approved slate/independent observer will be allowed at the Dorothy Height US Post Office for ballot pickup. All slate/independent approved observers will be permitted in the tally space. The tally space will be at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Total Health located on the ground floor at 700 2nd St. NE Washington, DC 20002.

Q9: How will I know who won?

A9: Results will be posted on the WTU website within 48 hours of the ballot count.

Q10: What do I do if I want to protest the election?

A10: Any member may challenge a local union officer election by filing a protest in writing with the Elections Committee within 10 calendar days after the results are posted.

Q11: Will presidential candidates be able to address the WTU General Body?

A11: Yes. 5 minutes will be given to each presidential candidate at the Representative Assembly at McKinley Technology High School on May 14, 2019 beginning at 4:30pm.

Q12: Will I have the opportunity to inspect the Membership List?

A12: Each presidential candidate will be given 20 minutes during the WTUEC meeting on May 6, 2019 where they will have the opportunity to view the Membership List. This right to inspect the Membership List is limited to one time only. Candidates do not have the right to copy the list.

Q13: I have a question regarding membership.

A13: See the WTU, Local 6 Constitution and By-Laws, Article 3, Section 3 and 4.

Q14: Where can I find additional election specifications?

A14: Refer to the WTU, Local 6 Constitution and By-Laws, Articles 7 – 10.

Q15: Can I view candidate's petitions?

A15: No. Candidates are only entitled to view the Membership List on May 6, 2019. The petitions are only for the purview of the WTUEC.

Q16: When is the deadline to withdraw?

A16: None.