

Illinois Federation of Teachers Convention

Election Procedures

BALLOT PREPARATION:

A. Positions of the candidates:

- 1) Positions of the candidates on the ballot will be determined by a lottery.
- 2) An appointee of the Nominating Committee Chairperson will conduct the lottery drawing.

B. Observers:

Each candidate may have one observer present to witness the drawing for ballot position.

DELEGATE ELIGIBILITY:

Delegates must be registered by 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2025 to be eligible to vote. Credentialed delegate adjustments will not be allowed between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Saturday, October 18, 2025. Registered delegates must be present between close of the afternoon general session and 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18, 2025 to vote.

NOTE: The election will begin upon adjournment of the Saturday afternoon General Session.

ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The Election of Officers will be conducted according to the following procedure:

- 1) Ballots will be distributed to delegates at the designated voting areas after the adjournment of the General Session on Saturday, October 18, 2025.
- 2) Each eligible delegate will mark the ballot, remove the label from the reverse side of his/her delegate badge, place the label on the ballot, sign the ballot and place the ballot in the ballot box located outside the election room.
- 3) The IFT Election Committee will oversee the tabulation of results per Article VIII, Section 8 of the IFT Constitution.

The Election of President, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer will be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

The Election of Vice-Presidents will be determined by plurality as follows: the constitutional number of candidates receiving the most votes will be the elected Vice-Presidents.

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BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF THE BALLOTS:

- Write-in votes or duplicate ballots will not be counted and will not be tabulated.
- Any ballot that is not properly signed or does not have the appropriate delegate label will make the ballot void.

POLL WATCHERS AND OBSERVERS OF BALLOT COUNTING:

- A. Poll watchers: Each candidate may have one poll watcher present during the balloting.
- B. Observers of ballot counting: Each candidate may have one observer present during the counting of the ballots.

RUN-OFF PROCEDURE:

President, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer:

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the names of the two candidates receiving the most votes will be placed on a run-off ballot. If there is a tie among candidates receiving the second highest number of votes, the names of all tied candidates will be placed on the run-off ballot. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the run-off election, additional run-off elections will be held until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. The Convention must remain in session, and voting will continue until there is a final election decision for President, Executive Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Vice-Presidents:

There are 44 Vice-President positions to be filled on a plurality system. In the event there is a tie which prevents a declaration of winners for all 44 offices of Vice-President, there will be a run-off election conducted between the candidates who received tie votes to fill the final open positions. If there is a tie for the office of Vice-President in the run-off election, additional run-off elections will be held. Such elections will be conducted and the votes will be tabulated prior to the close of the Convention.

The results of any contested election will be announced at the General Session immediately following vote tabulation. Should run-off elections be necessary, the results of any such run-off elections will be announced at the General Session immediately following vote tabulation. The Convention will remain in session until the offices of President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Vice-Presidents are properly filled.