Nominations are now open for the election of members to the MTA Candidate Recommendation Committee.

The committee is responsible for making recommendations to MTA members to support candidates for state and federal office. There are currently openings in each of the following congressional districts: District 1, two vacancies; District 3, two vacancies; District 4, one vacancy; District 6, one vacancy; District 7, 2 vacancies; and District 8, one vacancy.

Terms are for three years. Each committee member must reside in the congressional district to be represented.

Any MTA member interested in running for the CRC should contact Maureen Noyes in the MTA Division of Governance and Administration by calling 617.878.8305 or e-mailing mnoyes@massteacher.org to request a nomination form. The nomination form is also available by visiting the MTA website.

The nomination form and a biographical statement of not more than 100 words must be received by Dec. 30. Those eligible to vote for CRC members are delegates to the past year's MTA Annual Meeting of Delegates who reside in that congressional district.

Upon request, candidates will be provided with lists of MTA Annual Meeting delegates for their respective congressional districts, along with names and addresses.

If the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, elections may be waived and the candidates declared elected to the positions in question.

Ballots including the candidates' biographical statements will be mailed to the electorate on the first Friday in February (Feb. 6) and must be returned no later than 5 p.m. on the last Friday in February (Feb. 27).

Candidates who are elected via the ballot process or the election waiver will start their terms on March 15.

Members of the CRC are eligible to be elected for two consecutive three-year terms. In no event can a person hold one of these positions for more than six consecutive years.