

**INTERNATIONALS**



### Establishment of an AFT Solidarity Fund

WHEREAS, the 2002 American Federation of Teachers ("AFT") convention delegates approved a new AFT Solidarity Fund to assist AFT and its affiliates in participating in legislative and political activities with significant potential impact on AFT members and the institutions where they work;

WHEREAS, sixty-seven cents (\$.67) of each member's per-capita tax is set aside monthly for AFT's new Solidarity Fund;

WHEREAS, AFT will pay twenty-five cents (\$.25) per member, per month from the Solidarity Fund assessment to state affiliates that establish and maintain a fund for a substantially similar purpose (i.e., to participate in legislative and political activities having a significant potential impact on affiliate members and the institutions where they work);

WHEREAS, to be eligible to receive the twenty-five cents (\$.25) per member, per month remittance a state affiliate must establish an appropriate account for receiving the monies, submit an application to AFT on a form prescribed by AFT, obtain AFT approval of such account, and satisfy other conditions and requirements set forth by AFT for administering and expending such account funds; and

WHEREAS, AFT's Executive Council has issued guidelines for the new Solidarity Fund program, including an application form for state affiliates to use in seeking the twenty-five cent (\$.25) per member, per month remittance;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NYS Public Employees Federation shall do the following:

- (1) Establish a new account or designate an existing account to serve as its Solidarity Fund account for the exclusive purpose of participating in legislative and political activities with significant potential impact on affiliate members and the institutions where they work;
- (2) In the event no holding account already exists for such purpose, establish a holding account for the purpose of receiving funds from AFT for transmittal to the state affiliate's Solidarity Fund account;
- (3) Prepare and file an application to AFT for approval to receive the Solidarity Fund monies;

- (4) Take necessary measures to ensure that such account is established and operates in compliance with any and all applicable State and Federal laws, including Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements; and
- (5) Take necessary measures to ensure that such account operates at all times in accordance with AFT conditions and requirements relating to state affiliate Solidarity Funds, including but not limited to providing to AFT reports as requested from time to time on how the account's funds have been used and providing copies of any mandated reports from state federations and statewide locals to legal authorities.

Adopted: July 19, 2003  
Executive Board Meeting

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Whereas, the New York State Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO (PEF), was formed and exists as an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, AFLCIO (AFT) and the Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO (SEIU), and

Whereas, the Executive Board of PEF recognized and understands the nature of the affiliate relationship, and

Whereas, the Constitution and Bylaws of PEF was adopted by its Founding Convention in October, 1979, subject to the terms of the underlying affiliate agreement between PEF, AFT and SEIU, it is therefore

Resolved, that the agreement between PEF, AFT and SEIU shall be deemed as the basic ongoing document of PEF and their terms shall control in regard to any inconsistencies between them and the Constitution and Bylaws of PEF which cannot be resolved amicably or otherwise.

August 12, 1980

## AFFILIATES' CONVENTIONS

### AFT CONVENTION

1. In addition to the five Statewide Officers, the minimum number of delegates elected to attend the AFT Convention will be ten (10). If ten or fewer valid petitions are received, those individuals who submitted a valid petition will be deemed duly elected.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide the Delegate Election Committee with the estimated cost of sending one delegate to the convention. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer will provide the Committee with a cost estimate for holding an election. The committee will determine the breakdown of the total number of delegates that could attend the Convention, compared with the cost of holding an election. This will be determined by dividing the cost of holding an election by the cost of sending one delegate to the Convention. If the total number of valid petitions received is equal to or fewer than the break even number, all individuals who submitted valid petitions will be deemed duly elected delegates and no election will be held. The maximum number of delegates cannot exceed our authorized number of seats.
3. If the number of valid petitions received is greater than the break even total, an election will be held. Only ten (10) elected delegates will attend the Convention.
4. Alternates will fill the delegate openings by rank order of the number of votes received.
5. The rules shall be published on the nominating petition and ballot.

Adopted: May 7, 1986  
Executive Board

### SEIU CONVENTION

PEF will send the five Statewide Officers and fifteen (15) elected delegates to the SEIU Convention.

Adopted: December 2, 1987  
Executive Board



# Official AFT Call and Rules CONVENTION

**For the AFT convention, the following rules apply:**

1. In order to be nominated, a dues-paying member must obtain the signatures of fifty (50) other members from within the designated title groupings for this convention (see listings).
2. A nominee may not sign his/her own petition.
3. A member may sign only one (1) nominating petition.
4. The accuracy of the information contained in the petition is the responsibility of the person filing the petition.
5. Nominating forms will be available at all Local PEF Offices on February 22, 2010, at 9:00 AM. Petitions can be mailed to you or picked up and will be posted by 12:00 noon on PEF's Web site. Faxing is not allowed. All petitions must be returned either by hand delivery or United States mail as follows:

Hand delivered – to the Local PEF Office or PEF Headquarters during regular business hours 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, petitions will be accepted. The deliverer will receive a receipt that is signed, date and time stamped.

— OR —

Mailed – Original petitions must be returned to PEF-Albany Headquarters c/o Divisions Department at PO Box 12414, Albany, NY 12212-2414 no later than 5:00 PM on March 15, 2010.

*Received means "in hand" not mailed or postmarked.*

6. Petitions may be returned by certified mail (return receipt requested), although this is not required. Certified mail sometimes takes longer than regular mail. Postal failures or inadequacies are a matter between the mailer and the post office, not the Elections Committee. Allow five (5) days or more for mailing to be safe. PEF sends each nominee a notice of receipt.
7. Per PEF Constitution and Executive Board policy, the five (5) statewide officers are automatic delegates to the AFT Conventions.
8. In addition to the statewide officers, a minimum of ten (10) elected delegates will comprise the PEF delegation to the convention for AFT.
9. (a) If ten (10) or fewer valid nominating petitions are received, those individuals who submitted a valid petition will be

deemed duly elected for AFT.

10. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide the Delegate Election Committee with the estimated cost of sending one delegate to the forthcoming AFT Convention. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer will provide the committee with a cost estimate for holding an election. The committee will determine the breakdown of the total number of delegates that could attend the convention, compared with the cost of holding an election. This will be determined by dividing the cost of holding an election by the cost of sending one delegate to the convention. If the total number of valid petitions received is equal to or fewer than the break-even number, all individuals who submitted valid petitions will be deemed duly elected delegates and no election will be held. The maximum number of delegates cannot exceed our authorized number of seats.
11. If the number of valid petitions received is greater than the break-even total (see #10), an election will be held (see Convention Information). Alternates will fill the delegate openings by rank order or the number of votes received in case of an election. Ties will be broken by lot.

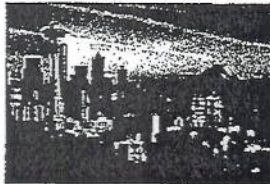
## Convention Information

1. No EOL (Employee Organization Leave) will be provided for delegates attending the AFT Conventions.
2. Travel and lodging will be arranged and provided by PEF.
3. A per-diem allowance for meals will be provided by PEF.
4. **AFT Convention**

**Site:** Seattle, Washington

**Dates:** July 7-11, 2010

PEF title groups eligible to attend the AFT convention: A, B, C, D, F, Q and S.



#### 5. Dates To Remember

- A. Nominating petitions will be available at all PEF offices for potential candidates to pick up during regular office hours starting 9 a.m. – February 22, 2010, and are due back by 5 p.m. – March 15, 2010.
- B. Elections (if needed) will begin with ballots being mailed by March 29, 2010, with a return date of 5 p.m. April 19, 2010.

## AFT PEF job-title groupings

- A. Nurses and related nursing titles.
- B. Engineers, right-of-way agents, designers, architects, drafting and related engineering technicians, pilots and conservation titles.
- C. Teachers, librarians, trainers and related educational titles.
- D. Doctors, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, dieticians, veterinarians, pharmacists, health-care, home-economist and related medical researchers.
- F,Q,S. Chaplains, scientists, cultural affairs specialists, related artists and sciences professionals, management personnel and related administration specialists, planners and supervisors.



STAFF

The positions of Executive Director and Staff Director are to be filled by individuals who are not affiliated with any of the Internationals (NYSUT/AFT or SEIU), associated with PEF, and this policy shall be implemented by March 1, 1983.

December 14, 1982