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ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

MAY 8-9

Hynes Convention Center - Boston, MA

2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

NBI Name			Date and Time
MTA President and Vice President Maintaining a Connection to the Rank and File Experience			3/10/2026 11:46
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According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

In order to facilitate an authentic understanding of the diverse union of educators that is the MTA, the MTA President and Vice President will be encouraged to spend one day per month working in public schools, colleges, or universities in roles that best approximate the rank and file experience. This could include, but is not limited to substitute teaching or ESP work, guest lecturing, shadowing, or volunteering. Any compensation for this work should be donated to the local or a locally-relevant charity.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

This will help the elected leaders maintain a connection to the profession over the course of their tenure. It will also allow them to make more connections with members and see and hear about the specific challenges faced in different locals and positions as they work side by side with rank and file members. It is important for the elected leaders to know the current work of a diverse set of members, regardless of their own career background, and becomes especially important as they hold office for more than one term.

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

\$0

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\$0

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\$0, 0 hours