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ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

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2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

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Strategic Internal Preparation for May Day 2028	4/5/2026 0:11

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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:

To establish a task force, chaired by a rank-and-file MTA member, to drive the two-year organizing project building toward coordinated, state-wide actions on May 1, 2028, in conjunction with the larger May Day and labor movements.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

The May Day Movement is a generational opportunity to transform our country. As our political system continues to fail working people—us, our students, their families, our communities—unions are best positioned to fight for the future we all deserve. Investing thoughtfully in systems to build our internal capacity and communication structures is paramount to winning. A task force embodies the spirit of member-led organizing. We know every local has leaders, as seen in the bold and tenacious contract campaigns across the MTA. The success of the May Day Movement relies on those leaders working and planning in concert. This statewide task force serves as a space for that coordination to occur. Like other task forces in the MTA, this one will be supported by organizing staff and leadership, can request to share information through MTA's existing digital communications systems, can develop workshops, can host tables at MTA conferences and events, and can make recommendations to and asks of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as needed to further the project. Roadmaps for such a task force can be found in our own expertise and the movement work happening around us (May Day Strong coalition, 50501, Indivisible, regional labor councils, and so much more). For the 2026-2027 school year, the task force's goals might include setting up internal structures, bringing in more natural leaders from each local, supporting higher participation rates in Labor Day and May Day actions, and exploring possible shared demands; those outcomes would inform the task force's work for the 2027-2028 school year.

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

\$0 & 2-5 hours/month

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\$0

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use only):**

\$0, 100 hours