

Annual Report of the Local Office Support Task Force, 2025-2026.

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Committee Charge: To review all Policies and procedures associated with the Local Office Support program and recommend amendments to align these policies with the following objectives:

1. Increase access to Local Office Support funds for all locals to attend MTA Annual Meeting, Training and Professional Learning Conferences, and NEA Events
2. Support new member outreach,
3. Expand access to funds for locals engaged in rank-and-file organizing,
4. Reduce the burden of local bookkeeping and repeated exchange of funds between MTA and local affiliates.
5. Support ESP leadership development.

Committee Activity Summary: The Task Force met in March 2026 to review final processes and procedures following Board-implemented changes to the Local Support Program. These changes are...

- Locals are no longer required to keep receipts or incur expenditures to be eligible for local support,
- Local support dollars are determined by the number of dues-paying members in each unit, as well as the amount of dues collected by the membership,
- Locals need not file quarterly to receive their full entitlement,
- Locals must attest they have complied with state and local policies for filing their taxes and 150E forms
- Locals must submit a full-unit list to their field rep, inclusive of potential members

The Task Force heard feedback from the membership at the Annual Meeting 2025, particularly those leaders in large locals, who believed that increasing the amount of aid to smaller locals would be inequitable. The Chair respectfully disagrees with this position, and the Task Force remained split as to whether to advocate for financial support of small locals and ESP locals. As a settlement, the new policy no longer requires locals to spend money in order to receive support- and it is the Task Force's hope that smaller locals and ESP locals can concentrate their efforts on leadership development. Furthermore, appetite to provide support to Annual Meeting Delegates lies with the Board of Directors and Annual Meeting. Should these bodies deem it necessary to provide more systemic financial aid to delegates, the Task Force would welcome that resolution to satisfy charges 1 and 5. Charges 2-4 are sufficiently satisfied by the changes described above in the bulleted list. The Task Force was unable to organize enough support for revising the funding formula, so we respectfully refer objectives 1 and 5 to the Advisory Budget Committee and the Board of Directors. The Task Force expects to be dissolved following the 2026 Annual Meeting.