



TO: Student CTA Members
FROM: Rigoberto Delgado, Jr., Executive Vice President
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DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
RE: **SCTA COLLABORATIVE FORUM 2021**

WHAT IS THE SCTA COLLABORATIVE FORUM?

It is the fourth annual reformatting of our previously named Representative Assembly (RA). The SCTA Collaborative Forum is a two-day, weekend event at which all attendees will: **1) influence the future of SCTA** as a student union, and **2) elect or run for positions** to the 2021-2022 SCTA Executive Board. Together, we will steer our union to best address the pressing issues facing education – **building relationships, challenging the status quo, and empowering our sense of social justice advocacy along the way.**

The Collaborative Forum IS...	The Collaborative Forum is NOT...
a team of activists engaging in and contributing to SCTA’s statewide goals and initiatives for 2021-2022;	a teacher training conference with workshops, lectures, speakers etc.;
an opportunity to build relationships with other aspiring educators while also challenging unconscious biases;	a cold collection of impersonal, sit-down-and-listen business meetings;
a chance for new and veteran members to vote on and to be elected onto next year’s SCTA Executive Board;	a split setting where some members have a say and others don’t;
a platform in which members will be creating and practicing transformational organizing tactics and strategies for racial and social justice within SCTA. These practices can also be used to uplift schools and communities.	a group ignorant of the politics and social justice involved in education.

DATES

SCTA Collaborative Forum will be virtual this year! As a result, instead of having SCTA Collaborative Forum all day for 2 days in one weekend, this year’s SCTA Collaborative Forum will be spread out over 4 days throughout the month of April concluding with Representative Assembly and Elections on the last day.

SCHEDULE

Please save the dates and stay tuned for updates!

- Saturday, April 10, 2021 at time TBD - Collaborative Forum Sessions
- Saturday, April 17, 2021 at time TBD - Collaborative Forum Sessions
- Saturday, April 24, 2021 at time TBD - Collaborative Forum Sessions
- **Sunday, April 25, 2021 at time TBD - Representative Assembly and Elections**

WHO ATTENDS THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS?

- Voting delegates elected by chapters (see below for delegate election guidelines)
- Voting delegates self-selected from campuses without chapters (see below)
- Additional attendees
 - *Additional attendees will fully engage in all activities; they just do not vote in elections.*
- One (1) SCTA advisor per recognized chapter

VOTING DELEGATES – CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Delegates can vote because they are elected by their chapters and thus represent the interests of SCTA members on their campus and vote on their behalf at the Collaborative Forum.

Recognized chapters MUST hold fair elections to determine delegates. ALL members (whether active or not) must have an opportunity to run for the position of delegate and vote for delegates to represent them. Chapter leaders or advisors do not have the option to select delegates or forgo elections. To determine their delegates, every chapter must:

- publicize their election timeline and procedures so that ALL members may participate;
- open nominations to ALL SCTA members (active or not);
- ensure that ALL members have an opportunity to vote;
- and rank alternates in case a delegate must cancel their attendance.

Please hold delegate elections before March 22, 2021 to ensure that all your delegates will be able to complete the logistic requirements in order to attend the Collaborative Forum.

VOTING DELEGATES – NON-CHAPTERS

All campuses with SCTA members are entitled to representation whether there is a chapter or not. Because campuses without a recognized chapter do not organize meetings and cannot hold elections, any SCTA member on a campus without a recognized chapter may submit a registration form to attend the Collaborative Forum and will be selected on a first-register, first-serve basis. Voting rights are granted to members without chapters also on a first-register, first-serve basis.

VOTING DELEGATES PER CAMPUS (NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED!)

Campuses are allocated delegates based on their member totals (according to Article V, Section 2, subsection c of the SCTA Constitution). The 2017 Representative Assembly voted to approve an amendment to the SCTA Constitution that reduced the number of members necessary per delegate, making it easier to have a larger voting delegation.

Campus-Size-to-Delegate-Representation Scale:

1 through 19 SCTA members	1 delegate *
20 through 39 "	2 delegates *
40 through 59 "	3 delegates *
60+	+1 delegate per 20 additional members

* See attached campus delegate list. There is still plenty of time to recruit more members to increase the number of delegates your campus may send.

REGISTRATION

1. Deadline – Thursday, **April 1, 2021** (registration deadline). Registration must be **RECEIVED** by the SCTA staff by the deadline. Each participant (including advisors) must submit a registration.
2. Registration fee – **FREE TO ALL SCTA MEMBERS!**
3. Registration is online at -- <http://www.studentcta.org>.

RUNNING FOR A POSITION ON THE 2021-2022 SCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

In order to declare candidacy for a position on the Executive Board, **you must be present at the Collaborative Forum to submit a “Declaration of Candidacy Form.”** (However, you do not need to be a voting delegate to declare candidacy). [Be on the lookout for the “Declaration of Candidacy Form” that will be posted on the SCTA website.](#)

You may NOT announce that you are running for a position or campaign until March 25, 2021 (30 days prior to the Collaborative Forum).

Visit the following link to read a PDF detailing the **general responsibilities and officer descriptions for the Executive Board:** [SCTA Board Position Descriptions](#)

Don’t hesitate to email any questions about elections to the SCTA Elections Chair [Sarah Hart](#) at teacher.sarahhart@gmail.com.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

If you would like to propose changes to the SCTA Constitution and Bylaws, they must be received by **February 25, 2021**. The SCTA Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the SCTA website at <http://www.studentcta.org>. All proposed amendments, received prior to the deadline, will be sent to all delegates prior to the Collaborative Forum and will be voted on at the Collaborative Forum.

If you would like to propose an amendment, please email your proposal to Vice President Rigoberto Delgado, Jr. at rdelgado.scta@gmail.com and Past Officer Sarah Hart at teacher.sarahhart@gmail.com

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