

CMEA Membership,

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[2018 CMEA President-Elect and State Assembly Online Ballot](#)

We are ready to begin the CMEA elections for 2018. This is the second year that we will be using Google Forms to manage our balloting process. We are continually working to cut costs in CMEA business practices to help keep the annual dues down. We cannot control the national dues but we can do everything we can to keep from having to increase what we need to operate. Not having to mail ballots to everyone is a key component in cutting costs. We hope that making use of 21st-Century technology as a way to expedite processes, in this case elections, is a way to also making it easier and less time-consuming for our membership. Our Technology Chair, Michael Vallez, has used his incredible technological knowledge and experience in Google Apps to manufacture a form that is easy to manage yet give us some security to keep the balloting valid. We are very lucky to have his expertise making the CMEA election process easy, convenient and inexpensive. Some things to be mindful of before and as you click the link to our election form:

- This is not only a ballot for council representatives for even numbered districts but it is also a president-elect ballot, your voice is important for both purposes.
- Ballot security is based on your registered email address and membership ID.
- Membership ID numbers are on your NAFME Membership Card or mailing label from the national office. Membership ID numbers are based on a 9-digit system. If your ID only includes seven digits, please place two zeroes (eg: "00") as a placeholder preceding those seven digits.
- Should you not be able to locate your membership card, Membership ID numbers can be retrieved from NAFME by emailing memberservices@nafme.org or by emailing Jill Staton, Membership Recruitment and Onboarding Specialist with NAFME, at jills@nafme.org. If you do not receive a response from NAFME in a timely manner, please see below.
- Members who cannot retrieve their ID numbers from the NAFME can

email me at kev.beab@gmail.com or Michael Vallez at michael.a.vallez@gmail.com and we will try to get it to you as soon as we can. Please don't let this part of it dissuade you from voting, it is important to share your opinion and the ID number is good for a number of things with CMEA as well as NAFME.

- Everyone may vote for President-Elect, however, only even-numbered districts will vote for representatives. Next year will be the odd-numbered district's turn.
- **Very Important: Your district is based upon your school, not your home.** There is a map as well as a listing of counties that are split between CMEA districts.
- You will get an email with your votes and you can go back to edit the votes if you would like until the election closes. This gives you a chance to catch a mistake if you selected the wrong district, etc.
- In order to validate the process we ask that there be a selection for each office so choose **ABSTAIN** instead of leaving that particular option blank.
- Please note that if you vote more than once, only your most recent vote during the election window will be counted.
- Please provide constructive feedback so we can improve this process.

The link for online elections will go live on Saturday, January 13th, 2018, and will close on 11:59 pm on Monday, January 22nd, 2018. If you have your Member ID# it is quick and easy. Thank you for participating and I look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

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