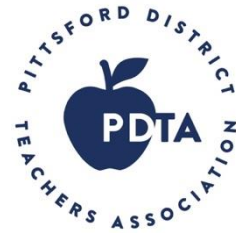


PDTA Political Action Chair



Qualities:

- Trustworthy
- Confidential
- Responsible
- Professional
- Reliable/dependable
- Problem solver
- Friendly
- Organized
- Good listener and communicator
- Hard working/can get “stuff” accomplished
- Respected by various stakeholders
- Knowledgeable about the benefits of union membership, and is willing to speak to others about our union
- Committed - aligned with the purpose and direction of the union
- Knowledgeable of politics at local/state/federal level (or willingness to learn)
- Comfortable discussing political topics

Responsibilities:

For PDTA:

- Study and report to PDTA RA (and entire membership, when necessary) on all local, state, and national legislation which affects public education and the teaching profession
- Encourage appropriate action on pertinent legislation as directed by NYSUT
- Provide information on candidates who are seeking public office as directed by NYSUT
- Chair the annual VOTE-COPE campaign in May: hold meetings with all PA building reps a month prior to the start of the campaign to prepare materials (these materials could be online in the future), create timeline and then run the campaign
- Meet with PDTA secretary at the end of VOTE-COPE campaign to go over submissions and look for any errors that may have been made
- Coordinate with contact as NYSUT Rochester Regional Office for the printing of budget materials and signs
- Coordinate with contact at NYSUT Rochester Regional Office (or other vendor if necessary) for the printing of endorsed school board candidate signs

- Coordinate phone bank procedures and volunteers to phone bank for NYSUT endorsed candidates, as well as PDTA school board candidates & school budget
- Participate in phone banks for NYSUT & PDTA
- Write a regular column in *Speak Out*
- Participate on interview committee for candidates seeking election to the District's Board of Education

For NYSUT:

- Attend NYSUT Rochester Regional Legislative Breakfast
- Attend NYSUT Committee of 100 in Albany (NYSUT Legislative Lobbying):Lodging and travel paid by PDTA
- Attend NYSUT ED 5/6 meetings.
(Although the PA chair might not be an official delegate, the PA chair needs to attend these meetings to obtain vital information to understand what is going on at the local, state and national levels of the union and politics related to unions and education. PDTA president will have to notify NYSUT Rochester Regional office to add PAC to the invite list).
- PA chair should sign up for NYSUT leader briefing e-mails. (Again, this is essential for the PAC to obtain breaking news and information to disseminate to the local. PDTA president might have to assist in the setup of this).

Although not required, Political Action Chair should try to:

- Attend "In-District" lobby days
- Attend NYSUT campaign meetings and help with election flyer drop offs for local candidates that NYSUT endorses who support education
- Attend Union and Political Rallies that are connected to education and labor issues
- Be a member of the Monroe County Political Action Committee
- Maintain and build relationships with other regional unions such as AFL-CIO, UAW, Rochester Labor Council & Attend meetings with other unions when possible.

Training and support systems:

- Local PDTA training
- Rochester Regional NYSUT training – one to two days in August
- Rochester Regional Negotiations conference – once yearly in Rochester
- NYSUT Leadership Institute
- Former PAC Chair
- Other Committee Chairs
- Representative Assembly
- PDTA President

Compensation:

- [Click for current list of stipends](#)