Virtual Open Hearing on Strategic Plan and Budget
Frequently Asked Questions

When is the hearing on the Strategic Plan and Budget?
The NEA Program and Budget Committee will host the virtual hearing on Thursday, June 25, 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Eastern Time.

How can I participate in the hearing?
Delegates may sign up for the hearing during the RA registration process. All delegates should have received an email invitation to register. If you are a 2020 delegate and did not receive a registration invitation by email, or have any questions about the hearing registration process, please contact ratownhall@nea.org.

Delegates who register for the hearing receive an email confirming registration. They also receive reminder calls, as well as a call the evening of June 25 connecting them directly to the hearing. Delegates may also access the live hearing webcast and slide presentation for the hearing at: www.access.live/nearadelegates. Please note: During the live hearing, if you are listening by phone and following the live hearing webcast online, please click the button that appears directly below the streaming player that indicates you are “listening on the phone.”

What if I miss the call or do not receive a call?
If you registered for the budget hearing but for some reason you miss or forget to answer the incoming call just before 8:00pm EST, please check your voicemail for a message from Secretary-Treasurer Princess Moss for instructions on how to dial in directly to join the hearing. If, after 8:00pm EST, you have not received a call, please email NEA for assistance at ratownhall@nea.org or call 202-822-7000.

Are there options available for hearing-impaired delegates?
Yes, delegates may access the live hearing stream at www.access.live/nearadelegates and click on the “CC” option on the streaming screen to activate the closed-caption service.

What will the hearing cover?
The 2020 Virtual Representative Assembly will debate and vote by mailed paper ballot on the proposed 2020-2022 Strategic Plan and Budget. The hearing will give delegates the opportunity to hear what is in the proposed Strategic Plan and Budget and ask questions pertaining to it in order to make an informed decision on their vote.

Where can I find a copy of the proposed 2020-2022 Strategic Plan and Budget?
A copy of the proposed Strategic Plan and Budget can be found on the RA Delegate site at www.nea.org/delegate-resources.

How will the virtual open hearing work?
The members of the budget committee will first present the proposed Strategic Plan and Budget. Questions may be submitted either live by phone or online during and after the budget committee’s presentation up until the end of the hearing (9:30 pm Eastern Time) and they will be answered in turn. Questions that have been submitted and have not been answered by the end of the hearing will be answered within 48 hours of the end of the hearing. These questions and answers will be posted to the RA Delegate site.

How can I ask a question during the hearing?
When instructed to do so, delegates will be able to press keys on their phone to enter the queue to ask a question. They will be connected to an operator who will ask for their name, state, and the question that the delegate wishes to ask. The delegate will then be placed into the question queue. When the chair calls on the delegate, the delegate’s phone line will be opened. Questions that are submitted through the online webcast at www.access.live/nearadelegates will be read by the budget committee members assigned. Questions will be answered in turn.

When will delegates debate and vote on the budget?
Virtual debate on the proposed Strategic Plan and Budget is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, July 2, via phone conference call. All delegates will be connected via the phone number indicated when the register for the virtual RA. Voting on the proposed Strategic Plan and Budget will be by mailed paper ballot sent to all delegates immediately following the conclusion of the Representative Assembly.