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Mass Mutual Center - Springfield, MA

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2024 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Union solidarity network - local unions join in strikes, walkouts, rallies, marches, etc. 4/26/24, 3:44 PM

NBI Name Miranda Alpert			Date and Time Sharon Teachers Association
Delegate Making the Motion Joe Herosy	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired Retired
Delegate Seconding the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired

According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:

With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

The MTA will build a formal, active solidarity committee as a network for rank and file educators to be able to join one another at actions, walk-ins, rallies, and picket lines. Our locals need to act as one, mobilizing members of different locals together. Regional and state-wide networks of locals should be built and utilized whenever a local has actions. The MTA will coordinate cross-local visits to picket lines, rallies, marches and other actions.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

All workers, especially Educational Support Professionals (ESPs), in the MTA's over 400 locals experience the same injustices including underpay, expensive healthcare, inadequate/unequal paid parental leave and more. Every local should not have to fight for fair contracts separately. Our bargaining power and therefore the amount we can demand and win would be massively increased if there were strong regional or statewide solidarity networks.

DUES IMPACT: \$0

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE: \$14,000 for MTA solidarity t-shirts

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE (For MTA use only):

MTA Cost Estimate: \$0

MTA Staff Time Estimate: ongoing work.

