

Juan Díaz de la Torre, was elected, legally and legitimately, president of the National Union of Workers of Education of Mexico (SNTE)



By majority vote, Juan Díaz de la Torre was elected, legally and legitimately, president of the National Union of Workers of Education of Mexico (SNTE), for the period 2018-2024.

The position of the teacher's leader was established upon approval of the amendments to the Statute of the organization, during the VII National Congress of the SNTE, Supreme Government Organism, in which 3,734 delegates from all over the country participated.

After being elected by 3 thousand 689 votes in favor (another 39 were canceled), Díaz de la Torre gave a protest and stressed that in the SNTE "there is a space for all those who want to build a better union," and recalled that the Magisterium is the last frontier to find the development of the country and the full exercise of freedoms.

Díaz de la Torre summoned to transform the SNTE from below and bet on professionalization as the most important defense of teaching work.

He said that "we have to stay united, give the fight at this time of our Homeland so that there is a National Union of Workers of Education solid, strong, active, alive; that allows us to feel proud. In unity we stand by for the validity, prevalence and strength of our organization: For Education at the Service of the People".

At the beginning of the work, Juan Díaz de la Torre expressed his certainty "that the future of our union is safe and will be a great future" for the vocation of service of teachers and the defense they make of public education.

He said that five years ago the transformation of the SNTE began, which, among other objectives, seeks to "avoid the temptation that leaders think about assaulting power or

believing that the privilege of representing teachers leads us to think that the SNTE it is our asset, either personal or family; that will not happen again."

The changes to the Statute modify the union structure:

- The figure of the General Union Council for the Strengthening of Public Education disappears and the Presidency of the National Union of Education Workers emerges, with a General Secretariat that will be occupied by Professor Alfonso Cepeda Salas and a Technical Secretariat, under the responsibility of the professor. Miguel Ramírez Sánchez.
- The conformation of the elected leadership considers gender parity.
- The Secretariat of the SNTE Young is created, which will give an important boost to the new generations of trade unionists.
- Section II of article 41 also changes, authorizing the person holding the presidency of the SNTE to hold elected positions.
- A new auxiliary body of the presidency of the SNTE is created, called the National System of Technologies for Education.

The statutory reform came into force as of its approval, on the afternoon of Monday.

In addition, the delegates voted in favor of 11 other opinions that were analyzed and discussed in working groups generating proposals in the Delegation stages in the schools and in the union Sections throughout the country, to finally reach the consideration of the delegates to the Congress. National, with the themes: Quality and Equity of Public Education, Validity of the Philosophical Principles of Article 3, Constitutional, Social Co-responsibility, Closeness between Leaders and Associates, Transparency and Results, Communication, Trade Unionism of Services, Labor Certainty, Retirees and Pensioners, Specific Problems of Approved Subsystems and Social Security and Quality of Life.

During the day, reports were given on activities of the National Organs of Trade Union Government and the National Executive Committee, as well as the Finance movement. These reports were analyzed and approved by the advisory commissions appointed for that purpose.

In an atmosphere of unity, the VII Extraordinary National Congress of the SNTE was carried out in a timely manner, according to the call launched on November 9.