

MSCF Minute



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One Last Minute

by Matt Williams, MSCF President

I hope everyone is having a great first week back with students! As we return to our familiar patterns and routines, I want to share with you a change you'll soon be seeing.

The first MSCF Minute arrived in inboxes almost exactly five years ago. Today, I have the honor of giving a very heartfelt farewell to the Minute. At the time, the MSCF Minute served a very important need: providing timely information to members on a regular basis. That need still exists, but over the past five years our communication needs have evolved and the technology available to us has matured.

With that, I want to introduce the *MSCF Connection*. I've had the opportunity to travel to a lot of campuses and talk with a lot of faculty

members over this past year. I've found some amazing things our faculty have been doing that few outside of the campus knew about. I've also found many campuses struggling with disturbing issues that other campuses faced as well--except they had no idea they weren't alone. In short, I discovered a state of isolation within MSCF. Faculty are disconnected from faculty on other campuses. Faculty are disconnected from the state MSCF office. And, most worrying to me, faculty are disconnected from their own colleagues on their own campuses.

The MSCF Connection will be a monthly newsletter that will not only share important information coming from the state office, but provide us a desperately needed way to connect our campuses and our

experiences through highlighting and sharing what is happening around the state with your colleagues. While not a cure-all, I believe the MSCF Connection will help us begin to remove that sense of isolation and start to recover a sense solidarity.

Moving away from a static PDF will also allow us to have a much clearer sense of what topics generate the most interest so that we can better guide content. As an additional benefit, the platform we will be using for this newsletter will allow us to eventually produce additional communications defined by a particular audience as well as a mechanism to send out urgent, time-sensitive information when needed. Even though the MSCF Connection will be monthly, we're actually well positioned

to add communication capabilities with this change.

As with any transition that involves technology, I expect at least a couple hiccups along the way. Hang with us! And watch for the first MSCF Connection to show up around mid-September.

Window to revoke dues authorization expands to 30 days

This fall, MSCF will expand its dues revocation window from seven days to 30 days. The revocation window is the period of time when a current member may revoke their authorization to have union dues deducted from their paycheck. The new revocation days will be Sept. 1-30.

MSCF Workload Campus Registration



Additional campus visits may be added so check back often. You may attend any campus for a one on one visit. Confirmation emails with scheduled times will be sent two days prior to the visit. For all workload settlement questions please contact the MSCF office at 651-767-1262 or mscfsettlement@edmn.org

MSCF Contingent Faculty Hiring Hall

This summer launched the Minnesota State College Faculty's Hiring Hall for contingent members. The process for enrolling in our Hiring Hall and FAQs are listed on our [website](#). The hiring hall lists will be sent to campus HR and Chapter Presidents at the beginning of November.

PAC Refund

Members desiring a refund for either PAC or the foundation must mail, email, or hand deliver a signed original refund request form specifying the member's refund request within 30 days of submitting their membership application form. Refund requests must be resubmitted annually no later than October 31. Members can request the form by calling 800-652-9073.

Vice President Forum

Get to know the candidates for MSCF Vice President! The MSCF Elections Committee will be hosting a Vice-Presidential candidate forum September 24, 6-8 p.m. if you would like to attend the forum via GoToMeeting or in person, please register below.

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