

MSCF Minute



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End of Year Wrap-up

Congratulations on the successful completion of another school year! Those of us in the MSCF state office wish you a safe and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you in August, if not before. Here are a few wrap-up items:

MSCF COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following MSCF committees have vacancies for the 2018-19 academic year:

- Academic Affairs
- Bargaining
- Elections
- Faculty Rights
- Membership Recruitment & Engagement
- Racial Equity & Diversity
- Technology/e-Learning
- Temporary Faculty

The following system-level committees and councils also have openings for MSCF reps:

- Assessment for Course Placement
- Credential Fields
- Joint Labor Management
- Meet and Confer
- Academic Affairs Council
- Policy Council
- Student Affairs Council

Please respond to Janel at janel.engesser@edmn.org if you are interested in serving on a committee.

ATTENDING THE DFL OR GOP STATE CONVENTION?

If you are attending the DFL or GOP state convention and would like to connect with your MSCF colleagues who are doing the same, send your name, cell number, and which convention you're attending to Janel at janel.engesser@edmn.org. We'll try to arrange a group meal during the convention.

EMERGING LEADERS COLLEGE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

We are still accepting applications for the 2018-19 Emerging Leaders College. More information on the college and application can be found [here](#). Applications are due by June 8.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR DESIGNATED HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED AT-LARGE POSITION ON THE MSCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The labor movement has a long and complicated history with regard to marginalized groups in society. At times, unions have been powerful advocates for equal rights and inclusion. Unfortunately, at other times, unions have functioned as forces for oppression and exclusion. To insure representation and inclusion at the highest levels of MSCF, the 2017 Delegate Assembly passed a change to Article VI, Section 5 of the Bylaws creating a position on the statewide Executive Committee for historically underrepresented groups. The language was amended at the 2018 Delegate Assembly to read as follows:

“One (1) At-Large member will be nominations from the general membership of faculty from historically underrepresented groups.”

The Racial Equity and Diversity Committee strongly encourages members who wish to have a seat at the table in statewide MSCF decision making, and who identify as members of historically underrepresented groups, to file for this one-year term by emailing: mscfevents@edmn.org. The election will take place at the August board meeting.

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Click on Mark Grant's picture above for this week's legislative update

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please return all membership cards and early enrollment forms to the state office as soon as possible!

3,140 members have re-affirmed their commitment to MSCF membership (that's 91.5%!)

350 faculty chose to join MSCF this year

30 faculty chose to join MSCF via the Early Enrollment Program

And we're not done. Member organizers will be continuing conversations with potential members this summer. Look for highlights from those conversations next fall.

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End of Year Wrap-up Continued...

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR DESIGNATED TEMPORARY AT-LARGE POSITION ON THE MSCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Delegates at the April Assembly approved a Constitution and By-Laws change to dedicate an executive committee at-large slot to a temporary faculty member (TPT, TFT); if you are interested in running for that slot, email mscfevents@edmn.org. If you would like to nominate someone else, you may do so (with their written permission).

Executive committee members will be voted in by the board during the summer retreat; it is best for executive committee nominees to be there (tentatively August 1). Executive committee members attend about 10 meetings per year, and may take on other tasks to keep MSCF strong.

MSCF WORKGROUP MEMBERS NEEDED

Dues Restructuring Workgroup

This workgroup will study the possibility of restructuring MSCF dues, and bring a proposal to the December 2018 board meeting.

Delegate Assembly Review Workgroup

This workgroup will look at ways of reducing the cost of the DA in 2020 and beyond, and present a report at the December 2018 board meeting.

If you are interested in serving, please email your interest to Jennie at jennie.howard@edmn.org.

MSCF SUMMER LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Save the dates are being sent out and registration will open near the end of May for this year's Summer Leadership Retreat. Typically, this event is open to local leaders in order to offer them the training and updates they will need for the coming year. This year, campaign 2018 will be a highlight of the retreat therefore, we are inviting legislative liaisons to participate. We are very hopeful many, if not all will be able to attend!

COME SCREEN!

MSCF members will have a chance to sit in on candidate screenings this summer/fall. This is a great opportunity for our members to get involved in the candidate screening process, ask relevant questions, and meet some of them in person. We hope you will consider participating when the call goes out to members.

RETIREES, WE WANT YOU!

MSCF Retired is building and we want you to be a part of it. Stay active in retirement and remain connected to your colleagues, your profession, and the issues that matter to you most.

As a retired member, you help build unity and increase the power of MSCF. We are excited about the future and growing our retired group into an active chapter. Come join us, [apply today!](#)

CHECK BACK OFTEN

Remember to check the [MSCF website](#) and [Facebook page](#) throughout the summer for regular updates. Information regarding the Summer Leadership Retreat and Board of Directors meeting along with other current events will be posted.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

- Dr. Seuss,
The Lorax