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Thank you. This article could begin and end with that – a simple thank you, but. . .

We started this election cycle with the harsh realization of what was at stake. In a post-*Janus* world, this election was nothing short of a referendum on our very existence. We tried to get that word out to every member – not hyperbolically, but sincerely and honestly. It was not always a comfortable message to deliver and it certainly was not always a comfortable message to hear – particularly over and over again.

But you listened.

And then you acted.

You got engaged on your campuses. You had conversations, registration drives, pledge to vote drives, candidate forums, candidate visits and one of our campuses even became an early voting site for a day. A feat, by the way, I was told, **MULTIPLE TIMES**, was not going to happen. But faculty did it.

You got engaged with the candidates. I heard from candidates and legislators from Duluth and St. Cloud to Rochester and Albert Lea that they were hearing and seeing our faculty. You knocked, you lit dropped, you called and you donated.

And you turned up to vote. The actual numbers won't be available for a few months, but there are lots of reasons to believe we turned our midterm drop off numbers around. One such reason is [this map](#). It shows vote totals in the Governor's race by precinct, neighborhood and township. Looking at the areas where our campuses reside, it's hard to not conclude we got out the vote.

Our philosophy going into this cycle was "we support those who support us" and I genuinely believe we did just that. In the coming weeks and months, we will get a better idea of what forms exactly that support will take. But what we do know is this – because of your efforts, we will be here, with a seat at the table, in a position to advocate for that support. Once again, thank you.

Post-Election Review

Join MSCF state leadership for a discussion of the results of the Nov. 6 election, the opportunities and challenges facing us post-election and to begin discussions about what we can do in the coming months to protect and strengthen public higher education. The forum will be held at the St. Paul office on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 6-9 p.m. [Please RSVP](#) by Friday, Nov. 9.

Transfer Pathways

The system office is seeking faculty appointments to the system Transfer Tactical Team and the Transfer Pathways Marketing workgroup. More information about these groups is posted on the MSCF Blog. If you would like to be appointed to one of the groups, please send an email to kevin.lindstrom@edmn.org.

MSCF Officer Elections

Nominations are open until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 16th. They can be mailed to or dropped off at the Education Minnesota offices in St. Paul. For more information, please visit [our website](#).

Welcome, New Members!

Brian Boomgaarden, MN West
Heidi Czerwiec, Normandale
David Gilmore, South Central
Mayra Gomez, Lake Superior
Dana Haagenson, M State
Matt Helm, Minneapolis,
Hok Kim, South Central
Mojtaba Moniri, Normandale
Mark Novotny, Anoka Tech
Jennifer Ouellette-Schramm, Riverland
James Parker, Northland
Thomas Pitman, Northland
Nick Rothstein, Itasca
Katherine Ulseth, Itasca

Michael Wilson, Century
Charles Ylitalo, Anoka Tech
Karen Zarn, DCTC
Paul Zimmerman, Central Lakes
Lindsay Mason, Lake Superior
Nathan Weaver Olson, Normandale
Jena Schoenroch, South Central
Amy Dalke, Inver Hills
Michelle Goose, Fond du Lac
Bob Zimmerman, Lake Superior
Bryan Johnson, Mesabi Range
Julia Stuckmayer, SE Tech
Kathryn Trombley, Alexandria
Michelle Samuelson, M State