

MSCF Minute



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Road Warriors Campaign

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MSCF is hitting the road!

This election season, MSCF has selected a few legislative races in which to promote faculty engagement. Members are planning short and easy events around the state to support candidates on their path to be elected (or re-elected) to the Minnesota House and Senate. It is no exaggeration to say that the future of public higher education is on the ballot this year!

The purposes of the Road Warriors Campaign are to demonstrate the importance of what we do at two-year schools and the value we bring to our communities. The payoffs are established faculty visibility and relationships with key legislators.

Road Warriors will not replace any local efforts members are contributing to via donations, letter writing, door knocks, lit drops, walking in parades, putting up

signs, phone banking, voting, and encouraging others to be engaged in the electoral process. Rather, Road Warriors brings extra notoriety to our organization as we move forward. We encourage MSCF members to gather at the sites listed on our website [calendar of events](#). There will be opportunities to socialize, along with food and beverages, at the end of each event.

Local MSCF chapters are also encouraged to schedule an activity with candidates from their area to help support those who will stand up, speak up, and voice their support for public higher education.

Last but not least, please spread the word regarding other campaigns around the state – those sponsored by Education Minnesota, the AFL-CIO, and others. They will be posted on the MSCF [calendar of events](#) and

updated weekly as well.

Volunteer! Help out! Tell others on your campus. Check out our website and contact us for details. Help MSCF make a difference in the 2016 election.

As always, thank you for your service to our students, your campus, and the well-being of public higher education in Minnesota!

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Check back often for more Road Warriors Campaign updates and opportunities by visiting the MSCF [calendar of events](#) on the website.



Scheduled events so far:

- October 13
Help Tom Anzels and Tom Saxhaug
3-5 p.m., Grand Rapids
- October 15
Help Lyle Koenen and Mary Sawatzky
Time and site to be determined, Willmar
- October 24
Help Melissa Hortman and John Hoffman
3-5 p.m.
Kevin Lindstrom's

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

To help better inform members, two new features have been added to the MSCF website. Both of these additions will hopefully provide a more efficient way to communicate with members.

First, there is now a "[Calendar of Events](#)". This will show committee meetings, legislative activities and other MSCF business. Second, to help reduce the amount of emails that go out and to archive information, we have created an "[MSCF Updates](#)". This will now be hyperlinked within the MSCF Minute email when new information is added or you may access them through the website at any time. We still want to provide members current and relevant information without clogging up inboxes.