

# MSCF Minute



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## Preparing for the 2019 Delegate Assembly

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We know we've said this before, but it's worth repeating. This year's Delegate Assembly is significant. The proposals the delegates will consider and the decisions they make will shape how our union is positioned to meet existing and future challenges. As significant as the decisions are, the process we use to make those decisions is also critical. In the past few months, we have held conversations with the board of directors, through Go-To forums, and on campuses. Our desire to share information broadly stems from a recognition of the potential magnitude of change and the complexity involved, but more importantly, it stems from our desire to make this process as democratic and inclusive as possible.

As we have more conversations with more members, and, more importantly, as delegates have conversations with members about the proposals, additional questions come up. And that is a good thing. Preparation and participation will be key to a successful assembly. To that end, we are offering an additional opportunity for members and delegates to gather the information they need to be informed and empowered.

On Thursday, April 4, MSCF Officers will hold a question and answer forum in preparation for the Delegate Assembly. Broadly, we will answer questions related to the substance of proposals, review what decisions are made by which bodies (the Assembly and the Board), and review how to use Robert's Rules effectively to process proposals. But we are most interested in your outstanding questions. Please use the registration link to submit questions

beforehand, so we can gather any information needed to provide as complete an answer as possible.

Thank you to those who have already engaged in these conversations and thank you to those who will continue these conversations. With preparation and engagement, we all can ensure that this delegate assembly puts us on the best possible path forward.

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 p.m.  
In-person at the MSCF state  
office in St. Paul and online via  
GoToMeeting**



**Please RSVP by clicking the forum image above. Click on the Roberts Rules image for a quick guide to the rules. Please include your questions with your RSVP so we can gather the appropriate information to address them.**

### MSCF Legislative Update

Please click on the image below for this week's legislative update from Mark Grant.



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