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Constitutional Election for MSCF State President and Secretary set for March, 2022!

This coming March of 2022, each full MSCF member in good standing will have the opportunity to vote for their selection for the MSCF state President and Secretary. The Election Committee received and accepted 2 nominations for each of those positions. While the Treasurer position is also included in this election cycle, the Election Committee received one (1) nominee for the Treasurer position. In this instance, the State By-laws direct us to present that one unopposed nominee before the Board of Directors for action.

So why should you as a MSCF member vote? Simply because you can! The collective function of our union is only as strong as its individual members. Members make up the union and provide input to officers at each level of organization. This helps the leadership truly represent YOU, the individual members at the grassroots level. At the chapter and state level, we as individual members and as the elections committee, have noted several elections that very honestly, the outcome has come down to just a few votes. We have even seen an election decided by 1 vote. 1 single vote. Talk about the power of 1! That exemplifies the value of each of your votes.

Another reason to vote is that participation in the election process has been made easier over the past couple of years. Elections are now conducted electronically through the ElectionBuddy platform. By electronically we

mean completion of your voting choices by way of your computer, your tablet, or your smart phone. This article will share more about how to ensure you receive a ballot code later. No home email address? Internet not accessible from where you will be? No problem! You do have the option of requesting a paper ballot mailed to your home that you would complete your vote on and return via US mail in the stamped envelope provided. Specific information on how to request an alternate paper ballot is included in this newsletter.

Now that you are eager to vote in the upcoming election what is next? Starting now in January the state MSCF office will be reviewing the "home" email address (NOT work-related) of each current member. This is a critical step for ballot accuracy. You can make sure your address is on file a couple ways. When your chapter membership chair or chapter president receives their member list a "home" email address is included. If they are asking the chapter members to verify the address is correct, please respond in a timely manner to them. If your email address is correct you do not need to do anything more. However, if your "home" email is missing or not current, please provide it to both your local chapter officers as well the state office by emailing your information to: renate.behrendt@edmn.org.

The members only section of the MSCF website under the elections tab contains the information statements and photos of each

candidate. Additionally, there is a candidate open forum scheduled for February 18, 2022 at Noon. This event will be "live" via Zoom and also recorded and posted to the MSCF website so all members can get to know the candidates running for the offices of President and Secretary.

For those with current non-work related emails on file, watch for an email which includes your individualized voting access code and instructions to arrive to your "home" email inbox the end of February. Please make sure to check your spam/junk folder and contact renate.behrendt@edmn.org if you do not receive a voting link by February 28, 2022 Be sure to cast your secret ballot during the time of election availability, February 28-March 4, 2022.

If you are new to the electronic voting process you can go to www.electionbuddy.com/ process to provide you with information about using the ElectionBuddy process for casting your ballot.

We look forward to having every MSCF member in good standing participate in this important upcoming election!

In Unity,

Mary Amundson, Election Chair

Carl Sack

Mindy Travers

MSCF President Candidates



Carolyn Cook

As a long-time member, current chapter president, former negotiations team member, and former grievance representative, I ask for your vote for MSCF President.

Whether in Greater Minnesota or the metro, in tech or liberal arts, our amazing and hardworking faculty have many shared and specialized concerns. The work of ensuring our members' voices and working

conditions is on the shoulders of our local chapter presidents and grievance reps. State leadership must support, empower, and enable this work. I will work to aggressively enforce our contract, prevent erosion of faculty rights, and seek improvements to working conditions, compensation, and higher education.



Matt Williams

My name is Matt Williams and I am running for re-election as MSCF president. Three years ago, I campaigned on a commitment to build a new MSCF, capable of fighting for the colleges our students deserve. Under my leadership, we built an organizing infrastructure, expanded engagement opportunities, cultivated alliances with community groups, and

transformed our approach to bargaining--all while fighting to keep our workplaces safe during a global pandemic. My leadership is tested and ready for the challenges ahead. To learn more about what we've accomplished and what's next, join us at www.matthewwilliams.net.

**Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.*



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MSCF Treasurer Candidate

Kent Quamme

As an instructor and active union member at M State – Fergus Falls, I teach various business and computer courses including: Personal Finance, Computerized Accounting, Spreadsheet Applications, etc...

My union involvement has included Chapter President, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter Board Representative, Executive Committee Member-at-Large, and most recently, State Treasurer.

Being Treasurer is a way for me to give something back to the union that has done so much for all faculty. My business and accounting background, my knowledge of the contract and history of MSCF, and my dedication to the faculty members of MSCF, make me the right person for treasurer.

MSCF Candidates for Secretary



Nicole Bietz

I have been an active MSCF member since 2008 when I began my career as a counselor at Inver Hills Community College. As a counselor I had the opportunity to join with my fellow MSCF counseling and teaching faculty and demand change on our campuses. I am energized by this work and believe

in the power of leveraging our collective voices to produce the changes we need to the working and learning conditions on our campus. I've been a part of organizing efforts at the state level and I'm excited to help continue this work as your MSCF secretary.



Derek Fox

MSCF needs elected officers that represent the entire bargaining unit. Since our faculty is diverse with varying viewpoints and expertise, it's paramount that MSCF officers represent all its members.

The belief outlined above has guided my decision to run for MSCF state office. In coordinating the Engineering program at Itasca, I realize that my discipline operates

more as a technical/career program, even though it falls on the green side of the contract. My experience as Program Chair and Grievance Representative has provided the experience needed to support both liberal arts and technical faculty.

Derek Fox

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Election timeline

January 7, 2022

- Start of coordination of home email member list for electronic ballot email containing individual member voter code.
- Notice for requesting question submissions by chapter and/or individual members for candidate forum distributed to each chapter and posted to MSCF website.
- Alternate paper ballot requests via email to MSCF office open.
- Members may vote only once in the election, either electronically or by alternate paper ballot.

January 24, 2022

- Verification of home email address list from MSCF state office with revision where indicated.

February 18, 2022

- Candidate Forum with recording posted to MSCF website following forum

February 24, 2022

- Alternate paper ballot requests due via email to MSCF office by 11:59 PM Central Time.

February 28 – March 4, 2022

- Secret electronic balloting available and individual voting code sent to each member eligible to vote electronically. Electronic ballots must be cast by 11:59 PM Central Time. The completed secret alternate paper ballot(s) must have the voting members signature on the inner envelope and be postmarked by March 4 to be counted in the election results.

March 14-18, 2022

- Election Committee meets to review results of secret electronic ballots cast, verify alternate ballot(s) received meet the requirements for validity, count valid secret alternate ballots cast, tabulate and verify all valid votes received and prepare the voting results report for Board of Directors' meeting. Election records from the electronic ballot and alternate ballots received are secured for safekeeping in accordance with election and voting rules at the MSCF state office. The Elections Committee chairperson or their designee will notify candidates of the unofficial election results by phone.

March 22, 2022

- Written complaints of alleged election irregularities shall be considered if received in writing via email, FAX, or US mail by the MSCF Elections Committee at the MSCF state office by 11:59 PM Central Time. Signature of the complainant is required.

TBD

- Election Committee calls a special Board meeting and presents voting results to Board of Directors.

TBD

- Board of Directors certifies the election or rules on any allegations of "election irregularities" and initiates correction if needed (run-off election, etc.).

TBD

- Election Committee/Board of Directors notifies chapters of "OFFICIAL" election results via email and is posted to MSCF website. The election results will also be published in the next upcoming MSCF Green Sheet which are mailed to members' home address.

Procedure for requesting an alternate paper ballot

1. The MSCF Constitutional Officer Election for President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be conducted using a secure electronic voting platform.
2. Any MSCF member in good standing, who is unable to cast their ballot through the secure electronic voting platform during the election window (for reasons that include, but are not limited to, lack of computer or internet access during the election window or no or lack of personal email account access during the election window) is eligible to cast an alternate paper ballot in the MSCF Constitutional Officer Election.
3. The eligible MSCF member may request an alternate paper ballot from the MSCF state office in St. Paul, via email to Renate Behrendt at renate.behrendt@edmn.org. A current home mail address must be provided at the time of the request.
4. **Members may request the alternate paper ballot no earlier than January 7, 2022 and no later than February 24, 2022 at 11:59 PM Central Time.**
5. The MSCF state office will send the alternate paper ballot, instructions, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the eligible MSCF member at the address provided at the time the request is made. A verification list will be sent to the Elections Committee notifying who received alternate paper ballots.
6. It is the voter's responsibility to ensure the ballot is postmarked by **March 4, 2022.**
7. Persons requesting an alternate paper ballot will not be allowed to vote electronically.



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