

SPRING 2018 MSCA ELECTION CALENDAR

Approved by the MSCA Board of Directors – October 6, 2017

November 1, 2017: Earliest date by which interested parties may secure nomination papers for any MSCA office. Requests should be sent in writing via certified mail to the MSCA Nominations and Elections Supervisor indicating the office sought, as per Article IV(2a).

First Friday in December year prior:

December 1, 2017 The Nominations and Elections Supervisor will post the approved Spring 2018 MSCA Election Rules and Calendar on the MSCA website by this date.

Third Friday in January:

January 19, 2018 Date by which candidate must file with Nominations and Elections Supervisor Nomination Papers containing forty (40) signatures from members in good standing, no more than fifteen (15) from any one Chapter, in order to be certified as a Candidate (Article IV(2b)). The signatures must be received by 5:00 PM on this date, regardless of postmark, and should be sent via Certified Mail.

Fourth Friday in January:

January 26, 2018 Date by which any written challenges to signatures must be received by the Nominations and Elections Supervisor by 5:00 PM.

First Friday in February:

February 2, 2018 Date by which Elections Committee meets to hear any written challenges to signatures and to certify Candidates.

First MSCA Board meeting following third Friday in January:

February 2, 2018 Date by which Nominations and Elections Supervisor submits to the MSCA Board of Directors, members of the Elections Committee and all those who requested nomination papers, a list of Certified Candidates. A request will be made to Chapter Presidents to distribute the list of Certified Candidates to their memberships, and the Nominations and Elections Supervisor will post the list of Certified Candidates on the MSCA website. Along with the list, Certified Candidates will receive contact information for the MSCA Board of Directors, Elections Committee, Chapter Presidents as well as a copy of the Spring 2018 MSCA Election Rules and Calendar.

Second Friday in February:

February 9, 2018 Date by which all Certified Candidates must provide the Nominations and Elections Supervisor a biographical statement not to exceed 350 words setting forth the Candidate's experience and goals. The statement together with a photo, supplied by the candidate not to exceed 5" x 7" (B & W preferred) will be posted on the MSCA website and distributed to Union members at least one week prior to the mailing of ballots. Certified Candidates must also provide the Nominations and Elections Supervisor with a schedule of their availability during February and March so that a reasonable date can be set for each campus's Candidate Forum. Any Certified Candidate who fails to meet this deadline forfeits the right to contest the scheduling of any campus's Candidate Forum.

February 12, 2018

– March 9, 2018 A Candidate Forum may be held on each campus. Consideration will be given to Certified Candidates' stated availability, winter and spring breaks and scheduling two nearby campuses on the same day.

March 15, 2018 Date by which dues must be paid for an MSCA member to be eligible to vote, determined by Articles III(2) and IV(3a).

March 16, 2018 Ballots or voting access information is sent to all eligible Union members by the Supervising Agency (to be determined by the MSCA Board of Directors).

Three weeks following Ballot mailing:

April 6, 2018 Date by which all ballots must be received by the Supervising Agency no later than 5:00 PM **regardless of postmark.**

The next business day following official return of Ballots:

April 9, 2018 Date by which ballots will be counted and Certified Candidates will be notified of election results by Nominations and Elections Supervisor.

Seven days following official ballot count:

April 16, 2018 Date by which all written challenges must be received by Nominations and Elections Supervisor, by 5:00 PM, and submitted to the Arbitrator by the next business day.

Third Friday in April:

April 20, 2018 Date by which all written challenges to the Election shall have been heard and adjudicated by Elections Committee.

MSCA Delegate Assembly:

April 27, 2018 Nominations and Elections Supervisor reports official Election results to the Delegate Assembly.