

Resolution for MSCA to hold state-wide candidate forums via video conference

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WHEREAS, the election of our statewide officers requires outreach throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, during the past two years we have established confidence and fluidity in using video conference as a meeting context for union activities such as our bargaining sessions and our general assembly; and

WHEREAS, outreach, communication, and contact between leadership and membership are crucial to organizing and leading our union; and

WHEREAS, efficiency in the form of conserved time and resources is crucial for our union; and

WHEREAS, candidate travel to individual campuses is costly in terms of time and resources for the candidate as well as the overworked chapter presidents; and

WHEREAS, members benefit from direct contact and communication with their potentially elected leaders,

Resolved, that the MSCA Delegate Assembly recommends that the MSCA Board of Directors include state-wide video conference forums in the bi-ennial election procedures and elections calendar so that members may meet all candidates, including those who are unopposed; hear their reasons and preparation for serving; and ask them questions.

Resolved, That this plan specifically recommends election procedures that allow for the MSCA to

1. Establish separate one-hour forums for each elected position—including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and any other elected positions that the Board of Directors determines would benefit from such a forum.
2. Schedule the forums at least two days prior to the commencement of voting and one week after close of the nomination and verification period.

2. Advertise these forums at least two weeks in advance to the full membership via social media, direct email, and our website.
3. Ask the Chair of MSCA elections to moderate or name a moderator in their place.
4. Set a timetable for each forum where candidates speak for 5-7 minutes about their reasons and preparation for serving before responding to questions.
5. Replace these plans for the previous elections procedures that include options for campus visits that were to be instigated and scheduled by each MSCA chapter president.