## 2022 MAPE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Resolutions will be accepted until August 19, 2022.
Resolutions should be sent to C&RCommittee@mape.org

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| Removal of Local Elections and Nominations Committees Language from Election Rules Articles II and III and related Bylaws |

* Whereas current MAPE election rules state that local nominations and elections committees be established as part of each local's election practices,
* Whereas 50% (66 out of 133) of open local executive team positions did not receive nominees in 2022, and 47% (38 out of 81) of open delegate positions went unfilled due to lack of nominations, indicating a significant statewide shortfall in membership engagement in the nominations and elections process,
* Whereas Elections Rules Article VII Item 2 requires that all regular and special local and statewide elections be electronically administered by MAPE Staff on the Statewide Elections Committee,
* Whereas, removing language pertaining to local nominations and elections committees from election rules documentation serves to streamline the nomination process for potential local leaders,
* Whereas such streamlining stands to mitigate potential communication delays and shortfalls in providing nominees’ names to the Statewide Election Committee, and subsequent delivery of nomination acceptance forms and elections procedure information to nominated individuals,
* Whereas removing barriers and facilitating access to the nominations and elections processes provides a more equitable platform for all locals to participate, regardless of the size of the local,
* Whereas more streamlined nominations and elections processes increase the likelihood that every local can identify and elect the leadership to both sustain and grow their active & engaged membership,
* Whereas maintaining a list of nominations for locals at MAPE central will help MAPE leaders monitor locals that don’t have nominations submitted for every officer position and communicate with the local to encourage recruitment and nomination efforts,
* Whereas more nominations will result in more filled local officer positions during regularly scheduled elections, which will in turn reduce MAPE staff time spent on subsequent special elections,
* Resolved, the language concerning the forming of local nominations and elections committees to be stricken from Election Rules and related Bylaws.
* Resolved, guidance for recruiting members to run for elected positions shall be part of MAPE membership and organizing tip sheets, or similar documents, and not codified in the Election Rules.
* Resolved, local members are still able to engage in leadership recruitment efforts at their discretion, as needed.

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| Endorsed by | Date |
| MAPE Board of Directors | 8-19-2022 |

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(Underscoring denotes wording inserted (inserted wording), and strike-through denotes wording deleted (~~deleted wording~~).

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| Election Rules Article II, Sections 2 and 3 | Resulting Language |
| 1. **~~Local nominations committees~~** ~~will be appointed by the Local president as close to the beginning of their term as practicable.~~
2. **~~Local election committees~~** ~~will be appointed by the Local president before nominations open for Local regular or special elections. The election committee shall consist of at least two members; none of the members may be candidates for a position.~~
 | 1. **The statewide Nominations Committee and the Elections Committee** will be appointed per the Bylaws. [SECTIONS OMITTED, NUMBERING REVISED]
2. **The election committee for Local Charter Elections** shall consist of a representative from each impacted Local (the existing Local(s) and the Local seeking a charter) and a statewide officer to be selected by the MAPE president.
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| Election Rules Article III, Section 3 | **Resulting Language** |
| 1. **Nominees**. The Nominations Committee and local ~~nominations committees~~ member leaders shall seek out and encourage qualified persons to run for elective positions.
2. **Conditions of Candidacy**. Members must meet the eligibility requirements defined in MAPE Bylaws (ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES, Eligibility).
3. **Nomination Procedure.**
4. Nominations for local position~~s~~, including self-nominations, ~~shall~~ can be submitted by any member of that local ~~the local nominations committee or individual members to the local election committee in writing. The local election committee shall forward the nominations~~ to the Elections Committee in writing. ~~Individual members may only nominate a member from their local.~~
5. Nominations for regional positions, including self-nominations, ~~shall~~ can be submitted by any member of that region to ~~the Nominations Committee or by individual members to~~ the Elections Committee in writing. ~~Individual members may only nominate a member from their region.~~
6. Nominations for statewide positions, including self-nominations, ~~shall~~ can be submitted by ~~a~~ any union member ~~the Nominations Committee or individual members~~ to the Elections Committee in writing.
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2. **Conditions of Candidacy**. Members must meet the eligibility requirements defined in MAPE Bylaws (ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES, Eligibility).
3. **Nomination Procedure.**
	1. Nominations for local position, including self-nominations, can be submitted by any member of that local to the Elections Committee in writing.
	2. Nominations for regional positions, including self-nominations, can be submitted by any member of that region to the Elections Committee in writing.
	3. Nominations for statewide positions, including self-nominations, can be submitted by any union member to the Elections Committee in writing.
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| **Election RulesArticle IV – Campaign SupportSection 3 – Campaign ForumsSection 4 – Distribution List Security** | **Resulting Language** |
| 1. Campaign Forums. ~~The Elections Committee~~ Locals may arrange forums to allow candidates to express their views. Any such forums shall be made available on an equal basis to all candidates. Locals shall not schedule forums for statewide elections at the same time another local is holding their forum. The statewide elections committee will provide an online location for locals to reserve their forum time. Locals shall reserve forum times in the same order locals notify the statewide elections committee of ~~the formation of their local elections committee~~ their intent to hold a forum. [The remaining section text remains unchanged]
2. […preceding section text unchanged] A list of statewide candidates and their personal contact information shall be provided to all seated local officers ~~elections committees~~ for the purpose of facilitating local campaign forums. ~~A list of local elections committees personal contact information shall be provided to statewide candidates to facilitate local campaign forums.~~ The MAPE portal may be used to publish these lists.
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| **Election RulesArticle VII – Election MechanicsSection 7 – Ineligible Apparent Winner** | **Resulting Language** |
| 1. If an apparent winner is ineligible, as defined in Bylaws Article VIII, at the time vote counting is completed, the Elections Committee ~~or local election committee, as appropriate,~~ will declare the election for that position void, nominations for that position will be reopened, and a special election will be held.
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| **BylawsArticle VI – Statewide Standing CommitteesSection 11 – Nominations Committee** | **Resulting Language** |
| […preceding section text unchanged] The committee will work with ~~local elections committees~~ local officers and members to identify potential regional leaders, encourage them to run for elective office and make every effort to ensure that there are candidates for all regional elective positions. | […preceding section text unchanged] The committee will work with local officers and members to identify potential regional leaders, encourage them to run for elective office and make every effort to ensure that there are candidates for all regional elective positions. |
| **BylawsArticle VIII – Elections and VacanciesSection 1 – EligibilityPart A – Candidates and Incumbents** | **Resulting Language** |
| 6. Except as noted in Exceptions, below, not be members of the statewide Elections Committee ~~or a local election committee~~; | 6. Except as noted in Exceptions, below, not be members of the statewide Elections Committee; |
| **BylawsArticle VIII – Elections and VacanciesSection 1 – EligibilityPart C - Exceptions** | **Resulting Language** |
| 1. After a local election, any members who ~~served on the local election committee and~~ are not trustees may be appointed as Delegate Assembly delegates or alternates.2. Statewide Elections Committee members may be appointed as Delegate Assembly delegates or alternates ~~and as local election committee members~~. They may also be appointed to other statewide committees.~~3. If not candidates, officers and statewide committee members may serve on a local election committee.~~~~4.~~ 3. Retired individuals who are also associate members and had been MAPE members for the 2 years immediately preceding their retirement may serve as full voting members of the Statewide Elections Committee. | 1. After a local election, any members who are not trustees may be appointed as Delegate Assembly delegates or alternates.2. Statewide Elections Committee members may be appointed as Delegate Assembly delegates or alternates. They may also be appointed to other statewide committees.3. Retired individuals who are also associate members and had been MAPE members for the 2 years immediately preceding their retirement may serve as full voting members of the Statewide Elections Committee |