## 2021 MAPE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

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| Change MAPE Election Rules to Clarify Nomination Procedures |

Whereas Election Rules, Article III Nominations, Section 3 are unclear: Nominations for local positions may be submitted by the local nominations committee or by an “individual member” and nominations for regional positions may be submitted by the Nominations Committee or by an “individual member” but “individual member” is not defined in the Election Rules.

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Members of a local can only vote for candidates in their local. It logically follows that only voting members of a local should be allowed to nominate candidates who are in their local.

Members should focus their involvement in local elections on their own local.

If a member knows of a member from another local who may be a good candidate for elective office, there are many avenues available for that member to be nominated including: 1) contacting a member in the potential nominee’s local with the suggestion that the member should be nominated, 2) contacting the local nomination committee with the suggestion, 3) directly suggesting to the member that the member self-nominate for the position.

The Election Rules do not specify that the individual member making the nomination must belong to the same region as the member being nominated, but it should.

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Members should focus their involvement in regional elections on their own region.

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Resolved, that the Election Rules be amended, as shown below to clarify nomination procedures.

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

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| What is being amended?  | Resulting Language |
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3. **Nomination Procedure**.
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