

2020 MAPE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Updates to Word Count for Candidate Personal Statements.

Whereas the 2019 Delegate Assembly approved changes to Article V – Campaign Conduct, Section 7 – Personal Statements to limit personal statements of nominees.

Limiting the word count of personal statements to such a degree could be interpreted as limiting a candidate's ability to speak, and while it is important to be concise, members running for all offices should be given the ability to speak to their experience in similar ways.

In addition, Statewide positions having a higher word count than local, regional, and delegate positions seems inconsistent with the idea that we are all one union and that no position is more important than others. This is why we recommend that all positions have the same cap as the current (as for 2019 Delegate Assembly) Statewide officer positions.

Resolved, that the Election Rules be amended, as shown below, to change the word count for personal statements..

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

What is being amended?	Resulting Language
<p style="text-align: center;">Article V</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Campaign Conduct</p> <p>7. Personal Statements Personal statements may not contain photographs, graphics or artwork. Personal statements shall include the candidate's name and information about the candidate and the ideas relating to the office sought and may not contain references to other candidates. Personal statements may include the candidate's department, work city, years of state service and years as a MAPE member. The word limit for offices are: statewide officer, including trustee or council member, 300 words; regional director 200 words; local president, 150 words; other local officer, negotiation committee member, or delegate, 100 words. <u>Personal statements shall be no longer than 300 words.</u></p> <p>Candidates who submit a personal statement which exceeds the word limit will be given an opportunity to shorten their statement. If a revised statement is not submitted or the revised statement exceeds the word limit, the personal statement will be truncated. The truncated personal statement will be published on the MAPE website and included with the ballot.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article V</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Campaign Conduct</p> <p>7. Personal Statements Personal statements may not contain photographs, graphics or artwork. Personal statements shall include the candidate's name and information about the candidate and the ideas relating to the office sought and may not contain references to other candidates. Personal statements may include the candidate's department, work city, years of state service and years as a MAPE member. Personal statements shall be no longer than 300 words.</p> <p>Candidates who submit a personal statement which exceeds the word limit will be given an opportunity to shorten their statement. If a revised statement is not submitted or the revised statement exceeds the word limit, the personal statement will be truncated. The truncated personal statement will be published on the MAPE website and included with the ballot.</p>