MAPE Election Rules Relating to Campaign Conduct and Campaign Support (June 2019)

**Candidate Compliance**. In addition to other requirements of the governing documents, all nominees for an elective position, in accepting the nomination (in writing or electronically) thereby affirm their intent to comply with the requirements of MAPE's governing documents and procedures. (Election Rules. Article III, Section 6)

**General Resources**. Candidates shall not accept support of money, facilities, paid labor, or other goods or services for the benefit of their campaign from any profit or non-profit corporation, unit of government, political action committee, or collective bargaining representative or an affiliate thereof. (Election Rules, Article IV, Campaign Support)

**MAPE Resources**. Except as provided in these rules; the funds, staff, materials, equipment, and facilities of MAPE shall not be used with the purpose or clear effect of benefiting or harming any candidate's campaign. Candidates shall not solicit campaign contributions at MAPE's offices or during the official business portions of MAPE sponsored events. (Election Rules, Article IV, Campaign Support)

**Campaign Forums.** The Elections Committee or local officers may arrange forums to allow candidates to express their views. Any such forums shall be made available on an equal basis to all candidates. (Election Rules, Article IV, Campaign Support)

**Distribution List Security**. MAPE shall maintain control of election lists. No access to MAPE election lists for campaign purposes shall be permitted. (Election Rules, Article IV, Campaign Support)

**General Conduct**. All candidates shall conduct their campaigns in a manner that promotes the welfare of MAPE and does not subject MAPE to liability. (Article V, Campaign Conduct)

**False Claims**. Candidates shall not knowingly make false or clearly misleading claims. (Article V, Campaign Conduct)

**Undue Influence**. Candidates shall not use coercion, bribery, or a promise of future consideration in an attempt to influence an election. (Article V, Campaign Conduct)

**E-Mail Use.** State e-mail or equipment (including printers and fax machines) may not be used for MAPE campaign purposes. Campaign e-mail messages shall not be sent or forwarded from state or non-state systems to state systems. (Article V, Campaign Conduct)

**Campaign Literature**. The Elections Committee shall establish the format and filing requirements for all campaign literature. All campaign literature shall bear the name of the author(s), the funding source, and the candidate(s) and/or issue(s) it supports. One copy of all campaign material shall be filed with the Elections Committee prior to distribution. Candidates are solely responsible for the content of their campaign material. Candidates must comply with the Social Media in Campaigns Policy[[1]](#endnote-1). (Article V, Campaign Conduct)

**Personal Statements**. Candidates whose names will be on the ballot must prepare and submit a personal statement to be included with the ballots. (Article V, Campaign Conduct)

1. The “Social Media in Campaigns Policy” was approved by the MAPE Board of Directors on April 19th, 2019. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)