**MAPE Rules for Candidate Personal Statements - 2019 Fall Special Election for 2 Regional Directors and Several Local Officers**

**Personal Statements are due by November 4, 2019.**

**All candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot must have timely submitted a personal statement (See Election Rules, Article III, Section 9). If a candidate is otherwise eligible to run for a position, and there is more than one eligible candidate, a candidate who fails to submit a personal statement will be declared ineligible and the candidate’s name will not appear on the ballot.**

**If you are running for a Regional or local office, please prepare your personal statement as follows (See Election Rules Article V, Section 7):**

1. No photographs, graphics, or artwork.
2. No references to other candidates. Write only about yourself.
3. It is helpful to voters to include the following information:

* Name
* Ideas relating to the office sought
* Department
* Work City
* Years of state service
* Years as a MAPE member

4. Word limit:

* Regional Director: 200 words
* Local officers (other than president): 100 words

5. The text needs to be in Word or similar format, no pdf format.

6. 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.

Sample of a personal statement from Delegate candidate:

*“My name is Jane Doe. I work for the Department of Revenue in Alexandria. I have been a State employee for five years, and a MAPE member for one year. I was picket captain for my building. I have always been interested in unions and see this as a way to get acquainted with MAPE and with members from around the state. What is most important to me is seeing that members’ voices are heard in MAPE. If I am elected, I will work hard to solicit opinions from other members in my Local.”*

Please email the final copy to Swelect@mape.org . If you have any questions, please contact Paul Schweizer at pschweizer@mape.org or 651-287-9671.