**MAPE Rules for Candidate Personal Statements**

**The deadline for submission of Personal Statements is stated in the Election Timetable.**

**All candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot must have timely submitted a personal statement. 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 Statewide, Regional or local office, please prepare your personal statement as follows:**

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
* Department
* Work City
* Years of state service
* Years as a MAPE member

4. Word limit:

* Statewide Officer (including a Trustee or council member) 300 words
* Regional Director: 200 words
* Local President: 150 words
* Delegate: 100 words
* Other Local officers: 100 words

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

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 Sierra Plunkett at 651-287-8763.