## 2022 MAPE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Resolutions will be accepted until August 19, 2022.
Resolutions should be sent to C&RCommittee@mape.org

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| Removal of Local Elections and Nominations Committees Language from Election Rules Articles II and III and related Bylaws |

* Whereas current MAPE election rules state that local nominations and elections committees be established as part of each local's election practices,
* Whereas 50% (66 out of 133) of open local executive team positions did not receive nominees in 2022, and 47% (38 out of 81) of open delegate positions went unfilled due to lack of nominations, indicating a significant statewide shortfall in membership engagement in the nominations and elections process,
* Whereas Elections Rules Article VII Item 2 requires that all regular and special local and statewide elections be electronically administered by MAPE Staff on the Statewide Elections Committee,
* Whereas, removing language pertaining to local nominations and elections committees from election rules documentation serves to streamline the nomination process for potential local leaders,
* Whereas such streamlining stands to mitigate potential communication delays and shortfalls in providing nominees’ names to the Statewide Election Committee, and subsequent delivery of nomination acceptance forms and elections procedure information to nominated individuals,
* Whereas removing barriers and facilitating access to the nominations and elections processes provides a more equitable platform for all locals to participate, regardless of the size of the local,
* Whereas more streamlined nominations and elections processes increase the likelihood that every local can identify and elect the leadership to both sustain and grow their active & engaged membership,
* Whereas maintaining a list of nominations for locals at MAPE central will help MAPE leaders monitor locals that don’t have nominations submitted for every officer position and communicate with the local to encourage recruitment and nomination efforts,
* Whereas more nominations will result in more filled local officer positions during regularly scheduled elections, which will in turn reduce MAPE staff time spent on subsequent special elections,
* Resolved, the language concerning the forming of local nominations and elections committees to be stricken from Election Rules and related Bylaws.
* Resolved, guidance for recruiting members to run for elected positions shall be part of MAPE membership and organizing tip sheets, or similar documents, and not codified in the Election Rules.
* Resolved, local members are still able to engage in leadership recruitment efforts at their discretion, as needed.

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| Endorsed by | Date |
| MAPE Board of Directors | 8-19-2022 |

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

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| Election Rules Article II, Sections 2 and 3 | Resulting Language |
| 1. **~~Local nominations committees~~** ~~will be appointed by the Local president as close to the beginning of their term as practicable.~~
2. **~~Local election committees~~** ~~will be appointed by the Local president before nominations open for Local regular or special elections. The election committee shall consist of at least two members; none of the members may be candidates for a position.~~
 | 1. **The statewide Nominations Committee and the Elections Committee** will be appointed per the Bylaws. [SECTIONS OMITTED, NUMBERING REVISED]
2. **The election committee for Local Charter Elections** shall consist of a representative from each impacted Local (the existing Local(s) and the Local seeking a charter) and a statewide officer to be selected by the MAPE president.
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| Election Rules Article III, Section 3 | **Resulting Language** |
| 1. **Nominees**. The Nominations Committee and local ~~nominations committees~~ member leaders shall seek out and encourage qualified persons to run for elective positions.
2. **Conditions of Candidacy**. Members must meet the eligibility requirements defined in MAPE Bylaws (ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES, Eligibility).
3. **Nomination Procedure.**
4. Nominations for local position~~s~~, including self-nominations, ~~shall~~ can be submitted by any member of that local ~~the local nominations committee or individual members to the local election committee in writing. The local election committee shall forward the nominations~~ to the Elections Committee in writing. ~~Individual members may only nominate a member from their local.~~
5. Nominations for regional positions ~~shall~~ can be submitted by any member of that region to the ~~the Nominations Committee or by individual members to the~~ Elections Committee in writing. ~~Individual members may only nominate a member from their region.~~
6. Nominations for statewide positions ~~shall~~ can be submitted by ~~a~~ any union member ~~the Nominations Committee or individual members~~ to the Elections Committee in writing.
 | 1. **Nominees**. The Nominations Committee and local member leaders shall seek out and encourage qualified persons to run for elective positions.
2. **Conditions of Candidacy**. Members must meet the eligibility requirements defined in MAPE Bylaws (ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES, Eligibility).
3. **Nomination Procedure.**
	1. Nominations for local position, including self-nominations, can be submitted by any member of that local to the Elections Committee in writing.
	2. Nominations for regional positions, including self-nominations, can be submitted by any member of that region to the Elections Committee in writing.
	3. Nominations for statewide positions can be submitted by any union member to the Elections Committee in writing.
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| **BylawsArticle VI – Statewide Standing CommitteesSection 11 – Nominations Committee** | **Resulting Language** |
| […preceding section text unchanged] The committee will work with ~~local elections committees~~ local officers and members to identify potential regional leaders, encourage them to run for elective office and make every effort to ensure that there are candidates for all regional elective positions. | […preceding section text unchanged] The committee will work with local officers and members to identify potential regional leaders, encourage them to run for elective office and make every effort to ensure that there are candidates for all regional elective positions. |
| **BylawsArticle VIII – Elections and VacanciesSection 1 – EligibilityPart A – Candidates and Incumbents** | **Resulting Language** |
| 6. Except as noted in Exceptions, below, not be members of the statewide Elections Committee ~~or a local election committee~~; | 6. Except as noted in Exceptions, below, not be members of the statewide Elections Committee; |
| **BylawsArticle VIII – Elections and VacanciesSection 1 – EligibilityPart C - Exceptions** | **Resulting Language** |
| 2. Statewide Elections Committee members may be appointed as Delegate Assembly delegates or alternates ~~and as local election committee members~~. They may also be appointed to other statewide committees. | 2. Statewide Elections Committee members may be appointed as Delegate Assembly delegates. They may also be appointed to other statewide committees. |