

Election Forum (Bylaw III, Part V, Section 5.2)

"An election forum including a question and answer period shall be held at a convenient time after all nominations have been accepted by the Chief Returning Officer. Delegates shall submit questions to the Chief Returning Officer to be asked of candidates for Members-at-Large."

The Forum will be held on **Friday May 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Electoral Forum will be conducted as follows:

- Each candidate for Member-at-Large will be given two (2) minutes to speak to the assembly;
- Following the speeches, questions will be directed to candidates for provincial executive; names will be drawn to determine the order of responding.
- Each candidate will be given one minute to respond to the question;
- Question period continues until all candidates have answered two questions.

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES

Biography, Photograph and Election Statement

- Society Bylaw III 4.2 (a) and (b) provides that candidates may submit a photograph, biography and election statement (biography and election statement not to exceed 250 words – the word count will be strictly enforced) to the Chief Returning Officer no later than April 1st (for those nominations received prior to March 1st).
- The photograph should be a high resolution 'head and shoulders' colour photo, suitable for reproduction. If you do not have such a photo, please have one taken professionally and submit the cost to the Society for reimbursement. An electronic photo would be acceptable as well.

Expectations of Nominees at the Provincial Council

- The Chief Returning Officer will report on all valid nominations and all nominees in attendance at the Provincial Council Meeting (AGM) and they will be introduced to the Delegates.

GUIDELINES FOR CAMPAIGNING

- All campaign activities and information must be consistent with **The MTS Code of Professional Practice**
- Promotional materials, campaign literature and hospitality events must be available at no cost to delegates of the Provincial Council (AGM)
- Election campaigns must follow a high standard of inclusive and respectful themes, content and behavior

Please contact the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer) for any other clarification of campaign plans and strategies as may be required.

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SCHOOL
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MTS NEEDS YOU
TO MAKE HISTORY



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**PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE
CANDIDATES GUIDE
& INFORMATION**

EQUAL PAY
FOR
WOMEN
APPROVED

**TEACHERS WIN
MATERNITY LEAVE**

QUALIFICATIONS
FOR
TEACHERS
SET

Since the first meeting of MTS in 1919 hundreds of teacher leaders have worked as part of the Society's Provincial Executive to improve the lives of teachers, their students and public education.

From pay to pensions, from class size to curriculum, provincial executive members have had a profound influence on the creation of the public education system we enjoy today.

But the work continues. And so does the need for more teacher leaders to bring their energy and ideas to the table. The following is information to help determine whether you or a colleague want to help advance the cause of public education and become a part of history.

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER - AT-LARGE

Considering running for Member-at-Large of The Manitoba Teachers' Society Provincial Executive?

Some points to consider:

Duties, Time Commitments and Responsibilities

- Provincial Executive members have up to 1/5 release time from their teaching duties as a Member-at-Large. MTS pays directly to your School Division for that release time to your School Division (your pay cheque remains the same);
- Attend Provincial Executive meetings approximately eight (8) times per year for 2-3 days in June, September, October, December, January, February, March, April and May (during the school day);
- Attend Presidents' Council in October, January and April (Saturday meeting all day);
- Attend the MTS Provincial Council (AGM) - May 24-27, 2017
- Chair a committee (Ad hoc or Standing) or be a member of a committee of Provincial Executive;
- With support from staff, select members for committees, chair meetings, submit reports to Provincial Executive and to Provincial Council;
- Liaison with a region of the Province and the local association Presidents; attend the Pre-AGM binder meeting for the region.
- Engage in dialogue, discussion and interactions with various stakeholders regarding MTS interests.

Professional Development and Board/Governance Training

- Professional Development for your Board/Governance responsibilities (funds provided)
- Professional Development for your Committee and Chair responsibilities (funds provided)

CANDIDATE NOMINATION - RULES AND PROCEDURES

MTS BYLAW III - Elections of the Provincial Executive; Part IV – Nomination Procedures

"The Chief Returning Officer shall cause a notice to be sent to all Locals and schools within the first two weeks of January in any year an election is to be held at a Provincial Council Meeting."

Nominations

A qualifying Member may be nominated for candidacy as Member-at-Large as long as the nomination is supported by the signatures of at **least twenty-five (25) other Members** that are eligible and qualify as voting members of the Society as outlined in the Bylaws (Bylaw III Part I; Bylaw III Part IV).

Prior to March 1st:

- Nominations for candidates for Provincial Executive will be received up to **4:00 p.m. on March 1st** from: (i) Local Associations, or (ii) qualifying individual Members who have been refused nomination by an Association, provided twenty-five (25) Members have endorsed the individual's nomination.
- The General Secretary shall verify that: all signatures on nomination forms submitted by candidates are eligible Members; the candidate qualifications in Article 4.3 have been met; and the candidate accepts the nomination.
- Candidates for the Provincial Executive may submit a photograph, biography and election statement (both of which shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) words in total) to the Chief Returning Officer no later than April 1st.

After March 1st:

- Nominations for candidates for Provincial Executive will also be accepted from the floor of Provincial Council Meeting, from Delegates **up to 2:00 p.m. of the first day of the Provincial Council Meeting** if the nominee is endorsed by at least twenty-five (25) other registered Delegates;
- The General Secretary shall verify that: all signatures on nomination forms submitted by candidates are eligible Members; the candidate qualifications in Article 4.3 have been met; and the candidate accepts the nomination.
- Candidates nominated after March 1 may submit a biography and election statement (both of which shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) words in total) to the Chief Returning Officer no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day nominations close at the Provincial Council Meeting.
- The General Secretary shall arrange for the printing and circulation of the submitted material to all Delegates prior to the Provincial Council Meeting or in the case of the material submitted at the Provincial Council Meeting, to Delegates prior to the election.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 as part of the 2017 Provincial Council meeting.