

## Election Date: Saturday, May 23, 2020

The following election procedures shall apply to all elections held at Provincial Council Meetings:

- Delegates eligible to vote shall mark their ballots, fold them, and submit the folded ballots to the deputy returning officers who shall collect the ballots.
- Regular business shall proceed while the votes are being counted.
- Each Delegate voting may vote for the number of candidates the Delegate supports but any ballot cast for more than the total number of candidates to be elected shall be considered spoiled.
- If the number of candidates nominated is the same as the number of positions to be filled, no vote shall be conducted and the Chief Returning Officer shall declare the candidates elected.
- Appointment as a deputy returning officer shall not deprive a Delegate of the right to vote, but that Delegate may not actively campaign for any of the candidates in order to maintain the impartiality of the vote.

**Please contact the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer) for clarification regarding nomination procedures.**



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## GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

# CANDIDATES GUIDE 2020



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Pursuant to MTS Bylaw III (pp. 74-80) in The Manitoba Teachers' Society Handbook

## Important Dates

### Candidate Materials Submission Deadline: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

The following candidate materials should be submitted to the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer) on or before the deadline:

- Photo: Submit 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.
- Biography and Election Statement: Submit a biography and election statement (both of which shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) words in total)

Candidates nominated *after* March 1, 2020 may submit a biography and election statement to the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer) no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day nominations close at the Provincial Council Meeting.

The General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer) shall arrange for the printing and circulation of the submitted materials 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.

## Guidelines for Campaigning

Campaigning may commence after completion of the verification process outlined in Bylaw III, Part IV, Articles 4.4 and 4.5 whereby the nomination is declared bona fide by the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer).

- 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.
- All campaign activities must be conducted in a friendly, collegial and non-intrusive manner.
- All persons involved with a candidate's campaign must observe safe access and approaches for Delegates to the public spaces at the Provincial Council meeting (hotel mezzanine area).
- Candidates may not approach MTS Staff for campaign assistance of any kind.

## Election Materials

Campaigning may commence after completion of the verification process outlined in Bylaw III, Part IV, Articles 4.4 and 4.5 whereby the nomination is declared bona fide by the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer).

- One poster, to a maximum of 5,400 square cm (i.e. 80 cm x 67.5 cm), will be allowed on the hotel mezzanine area and hospitality rooms only.
- Posting in the Lobby and Public Areas is prohibited.
- Posters may only be adhered to the walls of the hotel by using "sticky tac" provided by Governance staff in the Cambridge office. Nailing, stapling and screwing into walls, ceiling or floors or any other materials that would damage the property is strictly prohibited. Candidates will be held responsible for any damages done to the premises, prior to, during or following the election. A limited number of easels will be available in the Cambridge Room upon request.
- Candidates are responsible for the transportation, storage, and disposal of all election materials.

## Reporting and Introductions of Nominees at the Provincial Council

The General Secretary (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.

## Election Forum: Friday, May 22, 2020 evening session

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. Questions shall be submitted to the General Secretary (Chief Returning Officer) prior to the Election Forum.
  - Each candidate will be given one (1) minute to respond to the question;
- Question period continues until all candidates have answered two questions.