

## GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES

Pursuant to MTS Bylaw III (pp. 75-81) in The Manitoba Teachers' Society Handbook

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### Important Dates

#### **Candidate Materials Submission Deadline: Thursday, April 1, 2021**

The following candidate materials should be submitted to the Chief Returning Officer (General Secretary) 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)
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### Guidelines for Campaigning

Campaigning may commence after completion of the verification process outlined in Bylaw III, Part IV, Article 4.2 and 4.3 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.
  - Candidates may not approach MTS Staff for campaign assistance of any kind.
  - The Society will arrange for candidates to host a Hospitality Zoom Session on Friday, March 14, 2021 for one (1) hour.
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### Reporting and Introductions of Nominees at the Provincial Council

The Chief Returning Officer (General Secretary) 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.

The Society will arrange for candidates to host a Hospitality Zoom Session on Friday, May 14, 2021 for one (1) hour following the Electoral Forum.

## Election Forum: Friday, May 14, 2021 (afternoon session)

The Electoral Forum will be conducted as follows:

- Each candidate for President will be given five (5) minutes to speak to the assembly.
- Each candidate for Vice President will be given five (5) minutes to speak to the assembly.
- 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. The Chief Returning Officer (General Secretary) shall solicit questions prior to the Election Forum. Details to follow.
- Each candidate will be given one (1) minute to respond to the question.
- Question period continues until all candidates have answered two questions.

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## Election Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021

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

- 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.

**Please contact the Chief Returning Officer (General Secretary) with any questions about campaign or election procedures.**



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