

Missouri Association of Student Councils

State Officer Election Guidelines

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR ELECTION: Before your school decides to run, please make sure you understand the following:

1. Schools who hold office for Missouri Association of Student Councils agree to represent the Association with the highest integrity.
2. Schools must agree to attend planning sessions for the convention. These meetings may be held during the school week or over a weekend. Typically planning meetings are held in the fall.
3. Schools must agree to travel to the convention at least one day prior to opening ceremonies to assist with preparation and dress rehearsal.
4. The gymnasium at the President School must be available to the Technology Company beginning on Tuesday morning and throughout the duration of the convention.
5. The President school will be allowed one complimentary registration to Leadership Camp held in the summer.
6. Officer schools should plan to send representatives to the MASC Summer Leadership Workshop.
7. Schools will provide a written report to Ex Director upon the completion of their term.
8. Each school will be allowed to vote one time through the computer.
9. Each school will be allowed one vote/ballot.
10. Ballots will be counted and results reported during the last general session on Saturday morning.

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION:

1. Obtain written permission from your school administrator. Letters must include a clear understanding of the above mentioned considerations. The principal must understand, if you win the election, you and your students will be expected to attend a planning meeting in the fall, 2019 (missing a day of school) and you will be expected to arrive at convention one day early (Wednesday). DUE: Feb 2
2. Send a letter to declare your candidacy, including the office you intend to seek. This letter needs to be signed by your student council president and the advisor.
3. Upload your presentation/skit to YouTube by February 16.
4. President school candidates must also send a copy of their "live presentation" as well.
5. Attend the Election Meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 3:00 pm
6. Follow the rules/regulations as provided by the MASC Office and President School.
7. Campaigns must be positive and tasteful.
8. Emphasis on the presentation shall be placed on the qualities of the school and its ability to hold the office.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES:

Each school will be nominated from the podium by the election chair. The names of the schools running will appear on the technology screen and the ballot shall be read in the order each school has declared their candidacy.

DISTRIBUTION OF HANDOUTS AND SKITS

1. Distribution of campaign handouts (gum, candy, pencils, flyers, etc) shall be done from the campaign booth or as delegates are leaving the general session **rather than as they enter the general assemblies.**
2. **Noisemakers may NOT be used at any time.**
3. No stickers allowed.
4. Absolutely NO campaigning, either verbally or by way of handout during the general sessions or the workshops.
5. Only appropriate trinkets allowed.
6. Campaign presentations, signs, and materials are to be in good taste and consist of information about the school which qualifies them for office.
7. All presentations shall be “G” rated. Any reference to sex, drugs, alcohol, off-color remarks or actions will result in disqualification of the school.
8. There shall be NO THROWING, distributing, or passing out of items during the campaign presentation.
9. No candidate school may use their presentation any substance that creates a mess. Examples: shaving cream, water, whipped cream, silly string or silly putty. Candidates shall not use confetti or shredded paper.
10. Candidate schools are responsible for cleaning up the stage area after their presentation.

TIME LIMITS FOR PRESENTATION

PRESIDENT CANDIDATES: Presentations are to last no longer than 4 minutes. You may divide the time between a technology presentation and a “live” presentation.

OTHER OFFICES: Presentations are to last no longer than 3 minutes per school. ONLY technology presentations are allowed for these offices.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS:

1. Candidate schools may use ONLY the registered delegates from their school in campaign skit and booths.
2. President school candidates may bring 8 students to the convention.
3. All other candidates may bring 6 students to the convention.
4. If a candidate school is running a workshop or discussion group, they may NOT campaign in any way during the workshop times, including distributing campaign materials, wearing of campaign clothing, shirts, hats. **NO campaigning during workshop time!**

CANDIDATE BOOTHS

All candidates are required to have a Campaign Booth during the Exhibit Hall time. The booth will be in a hallway, right outside the Exhibit Hall. This is your headquarters. Your school should emphasize the service and leadership your council has been involved in during recent years. Be creative, pictures and interactive booths are encouraged. You can create a display board or backdrop for your booth.

Trinkets and campaign materials will be allowed in this area.

Schools are encouraged to arrive at the President School early to unload.

Election Meeting will begin promptly at 3:00 pm. All delegates from the candidate school and their advisor should be present for the meeting.

Tear down your booth at the end of the Exhibit Hall time and clean up your area.

POSTERS AND BANNERS

1. There will be VERY SPECIFIC places you will be allowed to hang posters and banner. This info will be provided to you in the Candidate Meeting.
2. Use blue painter's tape ONLY. Your school must supply your own.
3. NO signs/posters in the General Session Gym
4. Please remove the signs after the General Session on Friday afternoon.
5. President candidates, please turn in list of materials/technology you will need for the live portion of your presentation by Feb 16.

POSTERS AND SIGNS

1. 1 banners – this is a large sign NO MORE. This is equivalent to the size of 6 posters boards taped together.
2. 5 posters – poster board sized.
3. No flyers are allowed. This is equivalent to 8x11 paper.
4. Your signs may fall down, and as a consequence get thrown away. Have delegates assigned to check them.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:

President School – Host of the 2019 Convention, Must be a High School

1st Vice President – Arrange workshops/discussion groups for High School students, Must be a High School.

2nd Vice President – Arrange workshops/presentations for the Middle Level students. Must be a Middle Level school.

Secretary – Responsible for the Exhibit Hall. Choose a “gift” for advisors with revenue from the vendor fees. Must be a High School.

If you have any questions regarding the election or campaign guidelines, please contact Terri.