

MASP Election Committee Meeting Minutes
2-10-2022 3:00 PM

In Attendance: Jim Babcock, Ruth Crowell, Joan Casey, Michael Dixon, Meaghan Swan

Current Election Policies and Procedures

Discussion and Recommendations

1. Values - Discussion regarding the 7 statements, appropriateness of members getting election-related emails from MASP vs from members, opting-out option, general sense is that emails from MASP are fine and necessary. Suggestion that nomination emails could be sent to the committee (nominations or elections committee), they could then send out emails about the candidate directly from MASP. If an individual wants to speak personally to another individual about a candidate, that may be fine. BUT if it's the same message being sent to multiple people, then it might cross into the mass communication piece- and would need to follow the procedures.
2. Procedures- Discussed the need for more clarity when an election is contested?
3. Nominations and Elections Procedures
 - a. Committee - Discussed benefit of having 1 group in charge of all the pieces from the beginning to the end of the election would make sense. There may be a need for workgroups within the committee, and that can be a good option as well. All agreed that members of the election committee do not publicly support someone. NASP has one combined committee- can we look at how they structure it? Could it work for us?
 - b. Role of monitoring and responding if concerns arise. The committee may appoint people from their membership to investigate. Investigations will always be completed by at least two people. Goal is to put things in place as best as we can. We know that more things will crop up, but we will do the best we can right now to build things out.
 - c. Duties- There are times when things come up that are very clear, but there are times when things are more nuanced- so would it make sense for the elections committee or executive board to take a closer look.

- d. Nominations- This spells out a timeline, who is eligible- discussed that it is important the candidate is state of Maine credentialed with the 093 (not necessarily NCSP).
4. Meeting adjourned with agreement to reconvene on March 10th at 3:00 to continue the discussion and create suggested revisions around:
- a. Campaign Practices
 - b. General Election
 - c. Complaints and Enforcement