

Election Committee

MSAA 2012 Election Procedures

1. **Election table:** Will be open on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 8:00am and will remain open during educational breaks and until declared closed by the presiding election committee member. Each eligible voting member shall be issued voting ballots to be used for the purpose of electing officer and director candidates.
2. **Eligible to vote:** Active members shall be entitled to vote in person on all matters to come before the annual meeting.
3. **Nominating committee:** Interviews of all candidates shall occur on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 2:45pm-3:30pm. All candidates wishing to run for an office **MUST** go through the interview process. Those members nominated from the floor without proper application and completed interview will be considered Out of Order.
4. **Elections:** Voting will be for:
 - a. President-Elect
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Three Directors
 - d. Additional Director Terms *may* be available depending on the outcome of the officer elections.
5. **Listing order:** Candidates will be listed alphabetically on an overhead projection screen. The screen will be placed in a clearly visible area for all voting members to see.
6. **Candidate presentations:** Only the candidates can speak on their own behalf at the annual meeting. Each candidate will be limited to 2 minutes to introduce themselves to the membership and ask for their support. The candidates will speak in the order they are posted on the screen and by desired office.
7. **Requirement for election:**
 - a. Candidates for officer positions require a majority of legal votes cast to be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority the candidate with the lowest votes is dropped and another vote is taken for that position. Voting continues until one candidate receives a majority of the legal votes cast.
 - b. Candidates for Director positions shall be elected by plurality vote. In the case of a tie there will be a runoff vote.
8. **Counting the vote:** The voting results will be tabulated manually by the election committee and selected members. The Chair is responsible for declaring candidates to each office contested.
9. **Time election takes effect:** Newly elected Officers and Directors shall assume office at the close of the convention.
10. **Preservation of ballots:** Upon the results presentation and the end of the general meeting the voting ballots shall be destroyed if no election has been contested.
11. **NO MATERIALS ARE TO BE HANDED OUT TO ANYONE IN THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OR WITHIN 25 FEET OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CONCERNING A PERSON(S) INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ANY ITEM TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT IT'S ANNUAL MEETING.** (New Policy Change as of December 1, 2010).

MINIMUM REQUIRMENT FOR CANDIDATES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Candidates shall be current members in good standing of the MSAA and shall have been a member in good standing for at least three (3) year(s).
2. Candidates will be currently active in the auction industry preferably as an auctioneer.
3. Candidates will commit to being available to attend Board of Directors meetings for the term of office.
4. Candidates will commit to working and contributing to one or more committees of the Board of Directors.
5. Candidates for Officers shall have served as an active member of the Board of Directors for at least one full (term) within the previous three (3) years.
6. Candidates shall be at least 18 years of age.