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## Constitutional Election for MSCF State President November, 2022!

This coming November of 2022, each full MSCF member in good standing will have the opportunity to vote for their selection for the MSCF state President.

As a MSCF member, we want you to know your voice matters! The collective function of our union is strong because of its individual members. Individual members makeup our union and provide input to officers at each level of our organization. Input helps the leadership truly represent YOU, the individual members at the grassroots level. The outcome of many elections comes down to just a few votes. This exemplifies the value of each members vote.

Your participation in the election process has never been easier. Elections are conducted electronically through a secure online voting platform. This article will share more about how to ensure you receive a ballot code later. No personal (non-school) email address? Internet not accessible from where you will be? No problem! You do have the option of requesting a paper ballot mailed to your home to cast your vote and return via US mail in the stamped envelope provided. Specific information on how to request an alternate paper ballot is included in this newsletter.

Now that you are eager to vote in the upcoming election, what is next? Starting now in October, the state MSCF office is reviewing the personal email address (NOT work-related) of each current member. This is a critical step for ballot accuracy. You can make sure your address is on file a couple ways. If you recently were able to vote without issues during the Tentative Agreement membership vote and your personal email address has not changed, then your correct information is on file. If you had issues with the tentative agreement voting process, or if your personal email address has changed, then we ask that you please provide an accurate personal email address to both your local chapter officers as well the state office by emailing your information to: [mscfelections@edmn.org](mailto:mscfelections@edmn.org).

The members only section of the MSCF website under the elections tab contains the information statements and photos of each candidate. Additionally, the link to the recorded candidate open forum will be found in this section so all members can get to know the candidates running for the office of President.

### **How to cast your secret vote electronically via ElectionBuddy ballot:**

All members with active personal email addresses on file with MSCF will receive an email on Monday, November 14 starting

at 10:00 am. The email will come from Minnesota State College Faculty and will contain your individualized voting access code and instructions to proceed with casting your secret ballot. If you do not see this email in your inbox, check your spam/junk folder. If you are still unable to locate this email, contact [mscfelections@edmn.org](mailto:mscfelections@edmn.org) for a resolution to the issue. Be sure to cast your secret ballot during the time of election availability starting November 14 at 10:00 am through November 18, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

If you are new to the electronic voting process, you can go to [www.electionbuddy.com/process](http://www.electionbuddy.com/process) to provide you with information about using the ElectionBuddy process for casting your ballot.

If you are unable to vote electronically, you may request an alternate paper ballot. See the specific information in this notice containing information on how to make this request and the specific process for return of your ballot.

We look forward to having every MSCF member in good standing participate in this important upcoming election!

*MSCF Elections Committee:*

*Mary Amundson, Chair*

*Mindy Travers*

*Carl Sack*

# MSCF President Candidates



## Carolyn Cook

Whether in Greater Minnesota or the metro, tech or liberal arts, our incredible, hardworking faculty have many shared and specialized concerns. To ensure we hear all faculty voices, MSCF needs to support, empower, and enable our local chapters and their leadership. As president, I will aggressively enforce our contract, prevent erosion of faculty rights, and seek improvements

to working conditions, compensation, and state funding.

Higher education is rapidly changing. We must lead the conversations shaping our future. Let's move forward together. Learn more at [cook4mscf.com](http://cook4mscf.com)



## Kevin Lindstrom

Successfully leading MSCF requires specific knowledge and extensive experience which bears little resemblance to local leadership, demanding a deep appreciation of our past and a willingness to embrace an evolving future. I have a clear record of both, including negotiating contracts, driving major arbitration wins, and thwarting dangerous system initiatives, as well as leading

through the transformation required by Janus, and confronting issues inside the MSCF office. Our next leader must expand opportunities for member engagement through efforts such as the Bargaining Action Teams to protect and expand faculty rights. I am fully committed and ready to lead this work.

*\*Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.*

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## Procedure for requesting an alternate paper ballot

1. The MSCF Constitutional Officer Election for President will be conducted using a secure electronic voting platform.
2. Any MSCF member in good standing, who is unable to cast their ballot through the secure electronic voting platform during the election window is eligible to cast an alternate paper ballot in the MSCF Constitutional Officer Election.
3. The eligible MSCF member may request an alternate paper ballot from the MSCF state office in St. Paul, via email to Renate Behrendt at [renate.behrendt@edmn.org](mailto:renate.behrendt@edmn.org). A current home postal mail address must be provided at the time of the request.
4. Members may request to receive an alternate paper ballot beginning October 21, 2022. **Requests are due no later than November 4, 2022 at 12:00 Noon Central Time.**
5. The MSCF state office will send the alternate paper ballot, instructions, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the eligible MSCF member at the address provided at the time the request is made. A verification list will be sent to the Elections Committee notifying who received alternate paper ballots.
6. It is the voter's responsibility to ensure the ballot is postmarked by **November 18, 2022.**
7. Persons requesting an alternate paper ballot **will not** be allowed to vote electronically.



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