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## **MIEA Board of Directors 2024 Nomination Rules and Application**

Due by Friday, March 8, 2024 (Mailed, emailed or faxed)

**Board Member responsibilities:** The MIEA Board of Directors (a 10-member board) is very active in advocacy work for Indian Education in Montana and carrying out the purposes outlined in its Constitution. It is important to have Board members who are willing to accept these responsibilities. They should be able to attend meetings and participate in activities sponsored by MIEA. Board members work on various committees and are expected to carry out the activities necessary as Committee members. It is recommended that candidates check with their employers/schools to determine if they will be able to attend meetings/activities of MIEA. It is encouraged (but not required) that your organization/school assist with your travel expenses if possible; otherwise, travel expenses are covered by MIEA (mileage, meal costs and motel costs) for meetings.

**Eligibility:** All candidates must be residents of Montana. All must be 18 with exception of the high school student. All must be members in good standing with MIEA. (Good standing means that membership is paid for 20123-2024, which can be done by paying for registration for 2023 Conference or paying membership fee). All General Board candidates must live on/near the boundaries of a Montana Indian reservation. Urban members must live in an urban/off reservation community. Election Committee will approve all candidates before they are put on the ballot.

**Speech/Campaigning:** Candidates will be expected to give a 1-2 minute speech at the General Assembly on Friday morning. They can campaign at the MIEA Conference. Once elections start, candidates must remove all campaign materials from within 25 feet of the election area and refrain from any campaigning within 25 feet of the election area.

**Election Policies/Procedures:** Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote on Friday, April 20th, 2024. Election results will be announced at the awards banquet on Saturday evening, and the new Board will take office at the adjournment of this year's conference.

**Election Process:** Board members will serve two year terms. The High School representative will serve a one year term. To insure adequate representation of the majority of the Indian reservations in Montana per MIEA's Constitution: In the event that less than 5 of the 8 reservation communities are represented in the 8 General Board member positions in the final vote tally, the elections committee will select the next highest candidate from another reservation community until 4 are represented. In the event that a minimum of 5 of the 8 reservations cannot be represented, this will be reduced to 4 of the 8 reservations. If a candidate runs for more than one position and is elected to more than one position, the election committee will make a recommendation to the current Board of Directors who shall place the candidate in one of the positions he/she ran for.

In all other election issues that may arise, the Election Committee will make a recommendation to the current Board of Directors for a final decision.

Current board members who will continue in office: Joe Arrowtop, Marcy Cobell, Sunny Gardner, & Thomas Brown