



MIEA Board of Directors Nomination Rules and Application

Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2020

Elections: Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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 and be an enrolled member or descendent of a Federally or State recognized Tribe. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be in good standing with MIEA. (Good standing means that membership is paid for 2019-20, which can be done by paying for registration for 2020 Conference or paying \$60 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 Saturday March 30, 2019. Good standing means that membership fees must be paid for 2019-2020. No Proxy Votes are allowed. 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: All Board members will serve two year terms. Of the ten board positions; at least five must live on or near the boundaries of five of the seven Indian reservations in Montana to insure adequate representation of the majority of the Indian Reservations in Montana. In the event that a minimum of five of the seven reservations cannot be represented, this will be reduced to four (4) of the seven reservations.

Three members must live in an urban community and represent urban Indian education issues. The State of Montana will be divided into three districts.

One member must be a professional in an institution of higher education, and represent Indian education issues. The institution of higher education may be a Tribally Controlled College or a College that is a part of the State of Montana University System to include two-year colleges. On-line for profit institutions will not meet the definition of a higher education institution for the purposes of MIEA.

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.

The following board positions are open for vote at the 2020 conference: Four (4) General Members & Urban West.



MIEA
39th Annual Conference
April 12-16th, 2020 Missoula, MT

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General Board Positions - (3) Open Positions - (two-year term March 2020 - April 2022)

Candidates must be in good standing – which means their membership for 2018-2019 must be paid. If a person registers for the conference their membership fee is included. If they are not registered, they can pay \$60 membership fee separately.

CANDIDATE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

Biographical Sketch of Candidate (this info will be shown on the list of candidates):

Nominated by _____

(Person nominating must be a current 2020 MIEA Member. If not a current member, they must have registered and paid for the 2020 conference. Individuals can nominate themselves as well.)

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