

2.7 MLA NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE

Each year MLGSCA nominates a member to be a candidate in the Chapter Council election for the MLA Nominating Committee Nominee. Six winners of the Chapter Council vote, along with six candidates each selected by Section Council and the Board of Directors, are included in MLA's annual election of Nominating Committee members. Nine candidates from the annual national election are elected to serve on the MLA Nominating Committee for one year.

Listed below are the requirements:

1. The candidate must be an individual member of MLA. Institutional members are not eligible.
2. The candidate cannot have served on the MLA Nominating Committee in the past five years. A list of the past MLA Nominating Committee members can be found at: <http://mlanet.org/about/leaders/pastpres.html#3>. If the URL changes, search MLANET using "Nominating Committee Members" in quotes.
3. MLGSCA Nominating Committee nominates the candidates. According to MLGSCA Manual Section 1.5, Chapter Relationship to MLA B: "The Nominating Committee presents one or two candidates to the Advisory Council for the MLGSCA nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee. The Advisory Council approves one candidate to forward to Chapter Council." After approval, the MLGSCA Nominating Committee Chair shares this section with the candidate.
4. The candidate must return the consent form with biographical information for the election(s).
5. The candidate's name should be provided to the Chair of the Chapter Council Elections Committee via the MLGSCA's MLA Chapter Council Representative. The Elections Committee will request information from the candidate.

Following are guidelines and duties of the candidate if elected to the MLA Nominating Committee:

1. Understand the MLA Bylaws that refer to the Nominating Committee and the MLA elections.
2. Attend the annual meeting of MLA to participate in the MLA Nominating Committee deliberations in preparing a slate of nominees for President-Elect and each elected Director of the Board whose term is expiring.
3. Solicit MLGSCA members to run for MLA office. For those who agree, obtain their curriculum vitae for review by the Nominating Committee. Make clear to those submitting their CV that it does not guarantee that they will be selected to run for office. Guidelines to consider for MLA presidential nominees include:
 - A. Minimum five years of MLA membership
 - B. Outstanding "track record" (e.g., committee service, chapter work)
 - C. Former member of MLA Board of Directors
 - D. Extensive management experience
 - E. Institutional and staff support
 - F. Public speaking ability
 - G. Published books and journal articles
 - H. Ability to work well with others

- I. Commitment to MLA and its membership
- J. Skills in problem-solving, communication, and organization
- K. Experience in other professional associations