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Call for Election SPFT Officers & Executive Board

March 2, 2018

Positions up for election this year are Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Non-Licensed Staff and nine executive board members. The positions are two-year terms and expire on the last day of the duty year. Interested candidates must return this nomination form by **Monday, March 26, 2018** with a photo. Forms can be dropped off at the SPFT office or emailed patrick@spft.org. Make sure to email all photos to patrick@spft.org so they can be included in the candidate biography sheet.

Ballots and instructions on how to vote will be mailed to SPFT members after the nomination period closes. Applicable state and federal laws govern all SPFT elections.

Petition for Nomination

I wish to file for election as a candidate for _____.
*(Please indicate Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Non-Licensed Staff or Executive Board Member.
See reverse for descriptions.)*

Please answer the following question in 100 words or less (attach additional sheet if needed):

What skills and experiences do you have that would make you a valuable leader at SPFT? (Please include your current position and the number of years you have been with SPPS in your statement.)

If elected, I will serve Saint Paul Federation of Teachers, Local 28, to the best of my ability.

Print Name

Signature

Date

SPFT Constitution - Articles 4, 5, & 10

Article 4-OFFICERS

Section 1. The five (5) officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Non-Licensed Staff, elected by the membership.

Section 2. To be an officer, a person must be a member for at least three (3) consecutive years at the time of the election.

Section 3. The President and Secretary shall be elected in the odd-numbered years; the Vice President, Treasurer, and Director of Non-Licensed Staff shall be elected in the even-numbered years. The term of office shall be for two (2) years or until a successor has been elected.

Article 5-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The officers, eighteen (18) elected board and three (3) appointed board members shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. A person must have completed one (1) year of membership to serve on the Executive Board.

Section 3. Nine (9) Executive Board members shall be elected each year for a term of two (2) years or until a successor has been elected. Board appointees serve until the last day of the duty year as defined by the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement or until the election for that position has been certified by the Executive Board.

Article 10-ELECTIONS

Section 1. Applicable state and federal laws shall govern all elections.

Section 2. There will be an open nomination process proposed by the Election Committee and adopted by the Executive Board, for each election.

Section 3. Every member will have a fair and equal opportunity to participate in the election without unreasonable impediments.

Section 4. Voting will be by secret ballot. To be elected, the candidate for office must receive a plurality of the votes cast for that office.

Section 5. The Executive Board will certify the election results at the first Executive Board meeting after the election.

Section 6. Newly elected officers and Executive Board members shall assume office on the first weekday after the end of the duty year as defined by the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SPFT By-laws - Articles 2 & 3

Article 2-OFFICERS

Section 2. The Vice President shall assist the President and assume the duties of the President in the event of an absence, resignation, death, or disability of the President. In the event the Vice President assumes the presidency in the aforementioned manner, the Vice President shall serve until the next scheduled election for President.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and have custody of all monies, pay all bills approved by the Executive Board, be responsible for a record of all receipts and disbursements, and submit a monthly financial statement, which will be audited according to law.

Section 5. The Director of Non-Licensed Staff shall represent the interests of non-licensed staff as an officer. The person shall be the Local contact for Education Minnesota, the American Federation of Teachers, National Education Association, and AFL-CIO issues for non-licensed staff.

Article 3-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board:

- a) Shall direct the affairs of the Federation between meetings of the membership. All actions of the Executive Board are reported to the membership of the Federation.
- b) May require any officer or committee to make a report and assign additional duties to any officer or committee.
- c) Shall determine and publish by September 15, the yearly calendar of meetings.
- d) Shall approve all expenditures of monies.
- e) Shall hire office personnel.
- f) Shall select five (5) people from the non-officer members of the Executive Board to serve as a Financial Audit Committee.
- g) Shall select four (4) non-officer board members in addition to the President to serve as an Employee Review Committee.
- h) Shall maintain final authority to approve all appointments made by the President.
- i) Shall certify all elections governed by the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers.