

WFSE Candidate's Forum
2021 Council Officer Elections

FORUM RULES

1. Only delegates to the convention are allowed to ask questions in the candidate forum. Alternates and non-credentialed members are able to listen, but may not speak or ask questions.
2. The parliamentarian will be the moderator of the forum. Due to the virtual nature WFSE staff may provide technical support to the moderator and shall not participate in the forum.
3. There will be a forum for each office if there is more than one individual running for that office (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer).
4. The forum for each office will be allotted 30 minutes.
5. Within the 30 minutes allotted to the forum, each candidate for that office will be given 90 seconds to provide an opening statement and 60 seconds for a closing statement. There will be a minimum of three questions from delegates and additional questions as time allows.
6. When an incumbent in office is seeking reelection to that office, the challenger(s) will begin the forum with their opening statements. Challengers will give their statements in alphabetical order by their last name when there is more than one challenger. The incumbents will go last in both the opening and closing statements. (This has been the procedure followed in previous forums so we will follow the historical practice.) For open offices, where there is no incumbent seeking re-election, candidates will give their statements in alphabetical order by last name.
7. Questions and responses must follow the rules listed below:
 - a. **Questions should be applicable to all candidates of the specific office.** The question will be answered by the candidates in alphabetical order by last name, rotating with each question.
 - b. **Question must be direct and brief.** Statements and/or campaigning for or against any candidate may not be included in the question. The moderator will announce who submitted the question and then proceed to ask the question.

- c. Each candidate for office will be given **one minute to respond** to the question.
 - d. Delegates **may not submit more than 1 question per office** where a forum is held.
8. All individuals will be expected to treat each other with courtesy and respect. No attacks on anyone, candidate or otherwise, will be tolerated during the forum. We can disagree without being disagreeable.

Good Luck to all candidates.

Thanks to everyone for their support in adhering to the rules.