

ANNUAL MEETING – VOTING ON CONSTITUTION & BYLAW CHANGES

Thomas Jefferson said: *“No work of man is perfect. It is inevitable that, in the course of time, the imperfections of a written Constitution will become apparent. Moreover, the passage of time will bring changes in society which a Constitution must accommodate if it is to remain suitable for the nation. It was imperative, therefore, that a practicable means of amending the Constitution be provided. “*

Well, MSMTA has that means, and per your instructions at last November’s Annual Meeting, our Committee (Ken, Jessica, Mike, and I) spent many hours over the summer, working diligently on our Constitution and Bylaws. We updated and rearranged some of the language to make them more readable, added a few sections, deleted some, regrouped the Standing Committees, and overall did grammatical housecleaning. After receiving the proposals, several members responded with additional comments, and we took those into consideration as well. These proposed changes were provided to the Executive Committee and the MSMTA Board, and were recommended and emailed to all members more than 30 days in advance of this meeting, as required.

Since our current documents have different voting requirements, voting needs to be a two-step process.

FIRST: I now make a MOTION to accept and approve the proposed amendments to the **Constitution**, as printed and timely emailed to every MSMTA member in accordance with Article IX , Section 1of the Constitution.

Is there a Second?

Discussion.

Vote (2/3s vote of members present to pass Constitution changes)

____in favor _____ opposed Motion carried/failed

SECOND:: I now make a MOTION to accept and approve the proposed amendments to the **Bylaws**, as printed and timely emailed to every MSMTA member in accordance with Article XII, Section 1, of the Bylaws.

Is there a Second?

Discussion.

Vote (majority vote of members present to pass Bylaw changes)

____in favor _____ opposed Motion carried/failed