



Midland Section ACS Board Meeting

October 5, 2020

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FSM update

- Oral sessions -- 3 invited speakers; 1 keynote speaker; 4 student speakers
- Poster sessions – 16 poster presenters divided into 2 poster sessions (8 each)
- 68 registered attendees so far
- Posters will be hosted on Google website for attendees to view; Q&A to be held on Zoom breakout rooms
- Oral presentations will be delivered via Zoom Webinar; Zoom links will be posted on website and sent out to registered attendees
- Program booklet with schedule and all the abstracts has been compiled and will be distributed to registered attendees soon

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Summary of Candidates for Approval



- Chair-Elect- Joel McDonald
 - Treasurer- Lauren McCullough
 - Secretary- Maude Desroches
 - N&E Chair- Shuting Feng
 - Councilor
 - Dale LeCaptain
 - Samuel Moffat
 - Alternate Councilor- Wendy Flory
 - Directors
 - Hyder Aliyar
 - Soham Dutta
 - Michael Coote
 - Leanna Foster
 - Gina Malczewski
 - Elena Montoto
 - Amanda Palumbo
 - Michelle Rivard
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Proposal - Change voting methodology for positions in which there are more than two candidates from cardinal to ranked voting.



- Ranked voting (instant run-off) is now an option with the new software (Google forms) that we will be using as our voting platform
- This has not been available in SurveyMonkey in the past
- The most impact will be to the election of Directors
- Historical election data indicates many times are 1 or 2 votes separating the election of candidates, especially when electing multiple directors

Advantage: Clear indication of the members preferences

Risk: using Google forms is free software; to continue in the future may need to purchase access to similar software.

Note: Last year \$200 for SurveyMonkey

Bylaw



Section 6. The Section's balloting procedures shall be consistent with those of the SOCIETY and shall meet the requirements of (1) fair balloting that is open to all eligible members; (2) anonymity, (3) protection against fraudulent balloting, (4) ballot archiving, and (5) the timely reporting and archiving of balloting results.

Section 7. Election ballots shall be distributed as soon as possible after the September meeting. The Secretary or other designated officer of the Section shall validate all ballots cast. The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall ensure that all valid ballots that have been received by the date specified are counted, and shall certify the results.

Section 8. The election results depend on receiving a plurality of the votes cast.

Section 9. A tie vote shall be resolved by the Board of Directors.

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