## Elections



2024-2025

#### Overview of Election Process

- Phase I Research, Review and Consider Offices
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## Phase I

Research, Review and Consider Offices

#### Research, Review and Consider Offices

- Do you want to run for office? Why? What is your motivation?
- \* Review the responsibilities in the club constitution for each office you are interested in *before* applying.
- Ask current/former officers about their experiences.
- Would you be able to fulfill the responsibilities of a particular office if elected?
- Consider your skill set, prior leadership experience and personality. Would they be an ideal fit for any of the elected offices?

#### Research, Review and Consider Offices

#### Offices for which eligible applicants may run:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian/Reporter

- Director of Communications
- Director of Community Outreach
- Director of Apparel
- CTSO Liaison

## Phase II

Application and Other Documents

#### Application & Other Documents

Applicant Expectations – Covers important dates, eligibility, expectations and campaigning guidelines; submit to the Advisor by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Applicant Guidelines & Expectations

Expectations submitted to Mrs. Reed by April 19th

#### Important Election Dates

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Introduce 2024-2025 Officer Election Process
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Completed/signed applicant expectations and application submitted to Advisor Completed/signed recommendation forms emailed to Advisor or put in Advisor's mailbox
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	C-dide Let a in the control of the c
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Selected candidates announced
April 26 <sup>th</sup> -May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Campaigning Window
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deadline to email Advisor candidate blurb and/or picture; deadline to upload PowerPoints or similar slideshow platforms (to accompany speeches) to the CLUB MED Canvas course
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day!

## Applicant Eligibility

- Only applications of dues paid members who have paid off any outstanding club fees/fines will be accepted.
- All documentation must be hand written and completed in pen.
- Members may apply for no more than two offices.
- The only office eligible to host "co-officers" is that of President and <u>only</u> if both candidates will be seniors during the term for which they are running.
- A maximum of three candidates for each office will be selected to run.
- Only original, hardcopy election documents provided by the Advisor are eligible for consideration for candidacy.

#### Officer Expectations

- Officers must pay the ASB Activities Fee and CLUB MED dues.
- Officers must maintain a 2.5 GPA and be passing all of their classes while in office.
- Officers are expected to be present for at least 75% of each general membership meeting.
- ❖ Each officer is expected to attend at least one CTSO (WAHOSA or WCTSMA) state conference during their term of office.
- Officers must fully comply with and regularly fulfill their duties as outlined in the constitution.

#### Application & Other Documents

Officer Candidate Application – Applicant information and Q&A.
 Must be completed in pen. The application must be submitted to the Advisor by April 19<sup>th</sup>. Only original hard copies are acceptable.



#### Application & Other Documents

3. Recommendation Forms – Two recommendations provided by an adult supervisor/mentor. Completed forms should be emailed to Mrs. Reed by April 19<sup>th</sup>; if evaluator is SHS staff, they may put it in Mrs. Reed's mailbox

Recommendation Form

Recommendations due to Advisor by

Recommendations must be made by adults (21+ years of age) in a supervisor and/or mentor role in relationship to the candidate (e.g. work managers/supervisors, coaches, teachers, youth pastors, etc.) Recommendations may not be made by family members/relatives or peers/classmates. *Two recommendations are required* but up to three may be submitted.

# Candidate Information First Name: Last Name: Evaluator Information First Name: Last Name: Relationship to Candidate: Email:

#### Candidate Selection

- The Advisor and senior members of the Executive Board will review all applications and interview all applicants. A maximum of three candidates who are best suited for the office will be selected.
- Incomplete applications, poor meeting attendance, unpaid club dues/fees, lack of participation in CTSO conferences, failure to appear for scheduled interview, etc. are some of the criteria which may be used in evaluating candidacy.
- Selected candidates will be notified within 24-hours following the last set of interviews.

## Phase III

Campaigning

#### Campaigning

- Candidates shall exhibit class and tact in their campaigning methods/language. Candidates found to be slanderous towards other candidates and/or their platforms at any point in time may be subject to removal from candidacy as deemed by the Advisor.
- Candidates are encouraged to demonstrate their knowledge of CLUB MED, its constitution/history and provide examples of work they have done illustrating skills fundamental to their office.
- Posters/flyers, handouts/give-aways/candy and posts on personal social media outlets are not allowed. Candidates violating this rule will be subject to removal running and/or office if discovered after elections.

#### Campaigning

- Acceptable methods by which to campaign include:
  - Candidate Speeches Candidates are required to give a speech of no more than three minutes in length. Speeches should be done live on election day. If a candidate is unable to make a speech in person, notify the Advisor well in advance.

The campaign methods below are *optional*:

- Write a platform blurb of no more than 150-words to be posted on the club website.
- Submit a professional photograph to be posted on the club website.
- Write a post to be viewed on CLUB MED's Instagram account.
- NOTE: The sooner campaign materials are submitted the longer they will be available for membership review.

# Phase IV

Election Day

## Election Day – May 8<sup>th</sup>

- All members will be given access to the **Voter's Pamphlet** which will contain such information as officer responsibilities, meeting/conference attendance record of each candidate (for the current school year only), any blurbs/photographs submitted by candidates and any other information deemed valuable by the Advisor and Executive Board.
- The Advisor will have a PowerPoint slide outlining some general information about each candidate to serve as an introduction.
- Candidate speeches will occur in the order listed on the voting ballot. Time allowing, there may be a Q&A session at the conclusion of all speeches.

#### Voting

- Only 2023-2024 dues paid members who have also paid off any outstanding club fees/fines (e.g. clothing, SLC) may apply for office and/or vote.
- In making your selections, please consider how well you believe each candidate will meet the requirements of their office as outlined in the constitution/voter's pamphlet and represent CLUB MED. Vote for the most qualified candidate, not just your friend.
- To maintain confidentiality, only the Advisor will have access to submitted ballots.
- The poll will be open from the start of candidate speeches until 4:00pm on Election Day.
- Election results will be announced by the Advisor as soon as tabulated.

## Questions?

Contact Mrs. Reed at reedc@lssaquah.wednet.edu