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As a grassroots organization, the voice of the membership is the backbone of Montana Farmers Union. Your engagement contributes to the preservation of Montana's rural and agricultural communities.

Guidelines for Running for a Board of Directors or Officer Seat

Qualifications:

- Must be a Montana Farmers Union member for 3 years and in good standing.
- All nominations shall be made at least 45 days prior to the Convention Nomination Deadline pursuant to a nominating petition with at least five (5) signatures from voting members within the represented district. Emails directly to State Office are accepted.
 - o A nominating petition must be returned to the state office by the Convention Nomination Deadline.
- President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Doorkeeper and Conductor all follow the same nominating procedure.
- Article 3 of the Montana Farmers Union Bylaws further outlines the election requirements and can be found at <https://montanafarmersunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2020-bylaws-MFU.pdf>

Or a copy of the bylaws can be requested by members from the State Office.

- o The office of President and Vice President shall be for a term of two (2) years. All other directors shall serve terms of three (3) years. The staggered terms of the President and Vice-President in effect on adoption of these Amended Bylaws shall continue. There are no term limits.

Serving an elected position for Montana Farmers Union requires a commitment on your part. The following list outlines some of the requirements:

- Dedication and concern for the well-being and preservation of family farms, ranches and rural communities.
- Attendance at board meetings, MFU local/regional and state events.
- Opportunities for media interviews, legislative and lobbying efforts on Montana Farmers Union priorities.
- Board Members are eligible for a stipend while attending board meetings.
- Occasional travel for meetings and events (potentially National Farmers Union Convention and DC Fly-in). (Travel expenses may be reimbursed.)