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NOTICE OF ELECTION

To: All Illinois MABAS Divisions
From: Bylaws & Elections Committee
Date: October 1, 2025

In accordance with the MABAS Illinois Chapter Bylaws and Policy # A-02-04, an election will be held at the MABAS Illinois Governing Board meeting on February 17, 2026. The following positions will be elected:

2nd Vice President
Treasurer/Comptroller

Persons interested in running for these positions at the 2026 election must be prequalified in accordance with Policy # A-02-04's requirements:

1. Letter of Interest, which includes qualifications, capabilities, and policy positions they may have – resume optional.
2. A letter of endorsement from the candidate's primary division, or in the event the candidate is retired from the fire service, a letter of endorsement from the Division where the candidate was previously affiliated or otherwise maintains a current relationship.
3. Where applicable, a letter of support and approval from the individual's direct supervisor(s), or District Board President, allowing them to seek office and provide the time and effort required to serve as an elected officer on the MABAS Chapter Governing Board.
4. Submission packets shall be complete, or they will be rejected by the Bylaws and Elections Committee as non-qualifying candidates. In the event an application packet is incomplete, the Bylaws and Elections Committee shall contact the candidate via email and allow the candidate to cure the defect within 15 days via email. After 15 days have expired, failure to cure will disqualify a candidate.

Completed nomination packets must be submitted via email to the Bylaws and Elections Committee Co-Chairs on or before December 1, 2025. Emailed nomination packets should be sent to:

davids@mabas-il.org
tallacksen@mabas-il.org
maplethorpe@mabas-il.org

The Elections and Bylaws Committee will review all submitted packets in accordance with the policy. Candidates with complete and valid packets will be announced to all Illinois MABAS Divisions on or before December 15, 2025.

Questions regarding the duties of the positions or the election process can be directed to the Bylaws & Elections Committee co-chairs at the email addresses previously listed.

Thank you for your interest in these positions and MABAS Illinois.

Respectfully,

MABAS Illinois Bylaws & Elections Committee

Don Davids, Co-Chair
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