

RULES FOR THE MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION’S WINTER 2022 ELECTION

Section I – Timeline

Nomination Period:

From February 4, 2022, at 9:00 am until February 18, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Campaign Period:

From February 28, 2022, at 9:00 am until March 9, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Voting Period:

From March 10, 2022, 8:30 am until March 11, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

Exception: Ad Hoc Ballots may be submitted one hour after the close of the Voting Period.

Section II – Nominations

General

Nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis. Candidates may enter the race at any point from February 4, 2022, at 9:00 am until February 18, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Candidate Consent and Declaration Form & Nomination Form

Candidates are required to complete and sign a Candidate Declaration and Consent Form. Candidates will also need 10 current Robson Hall students to nominate them by completing a nomination form. The forms will be available via email at 9:00 am on February 4, 2022. Candidates can [contact me](#) to get a nomination form.

The forms are digital and easy to complete. You will be asked for:

- Who you are nominating and for what role
- Your name, student number, and digital signature.

After filling out the form, submit and you are done!

Ad Hoc Nomination

If you have issues with the digital forms, [contact me](#) to arrange an alternative means of submitting a nomination.

Note: Not every person is able to vote for every position but there are no similar restrictions for nominations. For example, only third-year students can vote for valedictorian and historians and only students who identify as a gender and sexual minority may vote for Gender and Sexual Minority Students' Representative. However, a candidate running for any position is allowed to obtain a nomination from any JD student at Robson.

Additional Requirements to run for certain Offices

Candidates for 2L Class Representative must currently be in 1L. Similarly, candidates for the 3L Class Representative must currently be 2L students. Candidates for Part-Time Students' Representative must be Part-Time Students. Only candidates who self identify as gender or sexual minorities may run for the Gender and Sexual Minority Students' Representative. Only candidates who self identify as students living with a disability may run for Students Living with Disabilities Representative. Candidates who provide care to family members while in school may run for Students Providing Care Representative. Only candidates who self identify as women may run for the Women's Representative office. Only candidates who self identify as visible minorities may run for Visible Minorities Representative.

Section III – Campaigning

Emails

Candidates are restricted to one mass email to the student body. The content of such email and any attachments is up to the discretion of the candidate. Candidates emailing one of the email lists, are asked to put the email list into the "Bcc" line, and add only their own email address in the "To" line. Any mass email must comply with Robson Hall and University of Manitoba policy.

MLSA Website

The MLSA website will have room for a short biography, poster, self-portrait, and if candidates prefer, a short video. The content of video statements is up to the candidate but may include ideas for projects, why you are pursuing the role, or relevant life experiences. The videos must, however, not be longer than 2 minutes.

Candidates may submit materials to rh.mlsa.communications@gmail.com. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis from February 28, 2022, at 9:00 am to March 9, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Please note that election advertising of any kind cannot be transmitted directly to electors during the Voting Period.

Social Media Posts

Instagram

Candidates may have one Instagram Stories post featured on the MLSA's Instagram account. Candidates may submit posters by sending a direct message to @themlsa between February 28, 2022, at 9:00 am and March 9, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Facebook

Candidates can make one facebook post on each of the following MLSA pages as listed below and no facebook posts on any other Robson Hall-associated facebook page. The contents and timing of such posts are up to the discretion of the candidate.

- MLSA Robson Hall
- Robson Hall Class of 2024
- Robson Hall Class of 2023
- Robson Hall Class of 2022

Social media posts must be consistent with the [University of Manitoba's Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy](#) and the [MLSA's Social Media Policies](#). The Communications

Committee may refuse to accept posts that do not comply with relevant policies and guidelines. This may include posts that are either not useful or not efficient. If a candidate's post is not appropriate for the MLSA page, candidates will be expected to address MLSA administrator's concerns before the post will be accepted.

Note: The MLSA facebook pages are certainly going to be crowded with posts from candidates. Please keep in mind that candidates will be vying for very limited space and that other MLSA-involved groups also use these pages for their own announcements. In this environment, **less is more**. Remember that students can access more detailed information on the MLSA website and linking to that information instead of repeating it verbatim is encouraged.

Endorsements

Candidates are not permitted to seek or secure endorsements from any committee or student group. However, candidates are permitted to seek and secure endorsements of individuals. Individuals who wish to endorse a candidate may do so by commenting on the candidate's Facebook post but may not make their own individual post on any MLSA Facebook page.

Candidates Forum

Schedule

The Candidates Forum will be on February 16, 2022, at 12:00 pm.

Format

The Candidates Forum will be hosted on Zoom. Each individual forum will be about 5 - 7 minutes long. During that time, candidates will make their presentations, respond to questions, and conclude.

Submitting Questions for Candidates Forum

Students are encouraged to submit questions to be asked during the Candidates Forum. Questions for the candidates may be sent to eshikeno@myumanitoba.ca.

Section IV – Voting

Regular Ballot

The regular ballot will be available through Simply Voting from March 10, 2022, at 8:30 am until March 11, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

Ad Hoc Ballot

If you have issues with the regular voting process, [contact me](#) to get an ad hoc ballot. Ad Hoc Ballots will be accepted for one hour past the end of the Voting Period. That is, Ad Hoc Ballots may be submitted from March 10, 2022, at 8:30 am until March 11, 2022, at **5:00 pm**.

Section V – Amendments to the Rules

The Chief Returning Officer may amend these Rules to respond to unforeseen circumstances. Amendments made by the Chief Returning Officer must comply with the [MLSA Constitution](#), the [MLSA Election Policy](#), and any other relevant policy.

Any amendments to the Rules are in force as of their distribution to all students of Robson Hall via email.