



Meet the Candidates Forum Standards

1. Pursuant to Article VIII.D.3. of the AFA-CWA Constitution & Bylaws, there shall be no discrimination in favor of or against any candidate for Union office with respect to the use of local Union meetings for campaign purposes. All candidates must be treated equally and accorded the same rights in the event any use of local Union meetings is made for debates, distribution of campaign literature or other campaign purposes.
2. At this meeting all candidates will be given 5 minutes to make an introductory speech.
3. If a candidate is not present, there will be a call to ask if someone would like to speak on her/his behalf.
4. After all speeches have been given, Council members may ask questions of the candidate(s) or their representatives. The Q&A portion is assigned to allow for 15 minutes per candidate for each election category (President, Vice President and Secretary). While this will determine the total time allotted to Q & A for the particular position, members may use this allotted time to ask questions of any of the candidates.
5. After the Q&A portion is complete, each candidate will have 3 additional minutes for a final wrap up speech.
6. Candidates will be given a 20 second warning before their time is up. When time is called, the candidate may complete the last sentence and then must relinquish floor privileges to the Chairperson.

Rules of the Road

1. Please be respectful to each candidate. Members may not ask personal questions or make comments that are personal in nature.
2. Please do not speak over another person. The Chairperson will call on you when it is your turn to address the candidates.
3. When asking a question or making a comment, please make it brief as we are on a timed schedule. Extended statements will not be allowed.
4. The Chairperson has the authority to rule your question and/or comment out of order if s/he deems it to be offensive, inappropriate, or badgering.
5. If a Council member feels that any of the Rules of the Road and/or Forum Standards have been violated, she/he may inform the Chairperson by calling, **“Point of Order”** at which time the Chairperson will call on you to state the point of order. The Chairperson will decide if the point of order is “sustained” or “over-ruled”. If a point of order is sustained, the Chairperson will take corrective action if necessary to ensure all candidates are treated equally and accorded the same rights.