



2018 Elections

Annual Meeting of the Membership

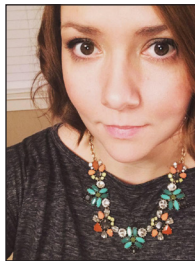
MIPA Spring Awards, April 23, 2018

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT (2-YEAR TERM, 5-YEAR COMMITMENT; MIPA'S FIRST VICE PRESIDENT WILL BECOME PRESIDENT IN 2 YEARS)

Kaitlin Edgerton
Grosse Pointe
South HS

Years at Current School: 2
Years as a Teacher: 5
Student Media Advised: The Tower newspaper and The Tower Pulse news website



Current MIPA Office: Second vice president
Previous MIPA Experience: Second vice president, 2017-2018

Past Work Experience: Madison High School, writing for publications (The Aquilla newspaper) and yearbook (The Madisonian), 2014-2016; Bloomfield Hills High School, long-term sub for intro to journalism, 2013-2014; Stony Creek High School, student teaching, yearbook and English, 2012-2013
Education: Bachelor of fine art from Baker College, design and architecture, 2006; Bachelor's degree from Oakland University, English and history, 2010; Master's of teaching from Oakland University, secondary education, 2014; Post bachelor's from Michigan State University, journalism, 2017

Honors, Awards & Activities: Taught at the JEA spring conference, 2018; Taught at the JEA fall conference, 2017; Taught at MIPA fall conference for three sessions, 2017; Organized MIPA MiniEd Camp, 2017; Attended the Journalism Advisers Institute, JEA, 2017; Critiqued at the MIPA fall conference, 2016; Certified Journalism Educator, JEA, 2016; MIPA Judging Day, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; MIPA MiniEd Camp, 2016; Fellowship at the ASNE Kent State Advisers Institute, 2015

Why I'm Seeking This Office: When I started advising, it was my fellow advisers at MIPA who supported me. This is an organization dedicated to student journalism. As second vice president, I have helped to make MIPA stronger than it already is. If I were to be elected, I am fully committed to the next five years. I plan to uphold MIPA's values and create new ways for advisers to have

professional development and curriculum resources. I want to find new ways to reach out to journalism programs who would benefit from what MIPA has to offer, to provide support for new advisers. I intend to take a greater role in MIPA. To tackle the New Voices legislation, working to get laws passed for student journalists, as well as better protections for their advisers. These are some of the reasons why I would be a good fit for the vice president position.

Is there anything else that you'd like MIPA members to know about you? I would like to donate my earnings as vice president to the Jeff Nardone scholarship to help students attend the MIPA summer journalism workshop.

TRUSTEE (2-YEAR, 2 POSITIONS OPEN)

Elizabeth Cyr
Stockbridge HS

Years at Current School: 19
Years as a Teacher: 19
Student Media Advised: Uncaged and Uncagednews.com (print and online newspaper), (online), The Panther (yearbook)



Current MIPA Office: Trustee
Previous MIPA Experience: As a member for 17 years, I have served as board trustee, summer camp instructor, adviser mentor, and multiple fall conference day sessions speaker. I have helped my students fundraise to attend fall, spring and one-day conferences. Additionally, I have participated in many judging days for competition and provided critiques and mentoring for other publications staffs. A strong supporter of summer camp, I have helped countless students attend on scholarship. I look forward to strengthening these sorts of endeavors and relationships with other advisers.

Past Work Experience: Public relations manager in the automotive industry responsible for managing a corporate communications strategic plan. Staffing and budgeting responsibilities for \$2+ million internal/external relations program including press relations, promotions, trade shows, conference planning, advertising and target database marketing

Education: Currently working on CJE from the Journalism Education Association. Master of arts in curriculum and education, Michigan State University; Highly qualified secondary teaching certification: English and speech, Eastern Michigan University; Major: English and American language and literature, Minor: communications and theater arts; Bachelor of arts in business administration, Cleary University, Major: Management

Honors, Awards & Activities: 2017 MIPA Golden Pen Adviser; MIPA Board Trustee; Uncaged Newspaper Adviser, multiple NSPA Pacemakers and Finalists, multiple CSPA Silver Crowns and Finalists, 2017 CSPA Gold Medalist, multiple Spartans; Uncaged Online Website Adviser, 2016 Pacemaker Finalist, multiple CSPA Silver Crowns and Finalists; The Panther Yearbook Adviser, multiple NSPA All-Americans; 2017 CSPA Gold Medalist; multiple Spartans; CSPA Board of Judges; JEA National High School Journalist of the Year Competition Judge; WSTT/TST Classroom Technology Grant Recipient 2016; 2015 Stockbridge Schools Employee of the Year; 2015 Creative Instruction Grant Recipient; English Department Chair; Technology and Curriculum Committee (SCS); Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation Board Officer (2006-2012); Red Cedar Writing Project Teacher Consultant; WIDEPATHS Instructor (Writing in Digital Environments: Pedagogies & Theories); National Writing Project Fellow; MCTE/NCTE/MIPA/JEA/NSPA/CSPA; Public Speaking Instructor & Certified Adult Literacy Tutor

Why I'm Seeking This Office: When I look at the stretch of my day and wonder what good I can contribute, I know it will spring forward in the journalism lab. I am a free speech fanatic because it leads to civic engagement, but also because it leads to self-advocacy, which leads to agency. And, now, there is no muting student voice in our country. My strongest contribution is helping students realize their potentials through our craft. It sets them on a write for life. Let's just say I'm deeply rooted in what we do. It changes kids. We all see it happen. What we do as advisers gives students a catalyst. In my past two years as trustee, I've gotten to know many other advisers who share this same purpose. As we all draw from this passion, in the role of trustee, I would work to support advisers and

journalists in this awesome purpose.

Is there anything else that you'd like MIPA members to know about you? In the past two years as trustee, I've been able to meet and learn from some extraordinary advisers across the state. MIPA is a huge organization full of talented, helpful, eager, witty and sincere advisers willing to lend a hand to each other. Our jobs can feel isolating at times because we are often the only people in our buildings who manage to pull off what we do. I am eager to get to know more members so we can spend time collaborating, commiserating and celebrating our lives in scholastic journalism.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

MIPA's board is asking the membership to approve a change to the organization's bylaws. The change, included below, would allow the board to revise the bylaws without a vote of the membership. This change would bring the bylaws in line with many other nonprofit organizations, including the Journalism Education Association and Colorado Student Media Association, among others, that also allow their boards to revise the bylaws. This follows a trend nationally to give nonprofit member organizations more flexibility in governance.

AT ITS MARCH 2, 2018, MEETING, MIPA'S EXECUTIVE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ASK THE MEMBERS TO REVISE ARTICLE XI OF THE BYLAWS AS FOLLOWS:

"These bylaws may be amended or new bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the board of directors at any meeting. A 10-day notice must be given to the board of specifically worded changes desired, unless the vote by the board is unanimous to approve a change. Bylaws will be made available to all active members."



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ABOUT THESE POSITIONS

MIPA's executive board sets policy and direction of the organization. The board includes elected officers (president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer and four trustees), the immediate past president and chairpersons of standing committees. All officers are elected for two-year terms. The executive director is an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the board.

All members of MIPA's board play a critical role in ensuring the organization meets the needs of its members and that MIPA's activities fulfill its mission to promote and enhance scholastic journalism in the state. All elected officers must be current teachers/advisers and must be MIPA members. See MIPA's bylaws for more information about these positions and the role of MIPA's board.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

MIPA's bylaws state that the First Vice President "shall perform the duties of the President during the latter's absence or at the President's request or in the case of disability. Further, the First Vice President shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board or the President. The First Vice President shall work with the President and Director in arranging the spring business meeting. In addition, the first Vice President shall be responsible for planning and implementing the adviser's retreat if one is held and will also help the Executive Director plan and carry out both the fall and spring conferences."

The First Vice President is paid \$250 per year for fulfilling these duties for a two-year term. Then, the First Vice President automatically ascends to become MIPA's President in even-numbered years.

MIPA's bylaws state that the president "shall have general and active management of the affairs of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board are carried out. The President shall preside at meetings of the general membership, the Executive Board and any other meetings that shall be called. He or she shall be a member of all standing committees, and shall appoint all chairs, subject to the approval of the Executive Board."

The president serves a two-year term and is paid \$500 per year for fulfilling these duties. At the expiration of the president's term, he or she remains on the board for one year as past president.

TRUSTEE

MIPA's board has four trustee positions. Two seats are up for election this year. The bylaws state that trustees "shall be responsible for outreach and will work with the Second Vice President on helping advisers and schools who request such. Trustees will handle elections, on-site contests at the spring conference and take photos (or arrange to have them taken) of MIPA events, such as the spring conference."

BOARD VACANCIES

A vacancy in any office for any reason may be filled by appointment of the Executive Board for the unexpired term.

VOTE HERE

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Please choose your selection for the following offices:

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
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CHOOSE ONE

Kaitlin Edgerton

TRUSTEE
TWO 2-YEAR TERMS
CHOOSE TWO
The top two vote-getters will fill the two-year terms

Elizabeth Cyr

BYLAWS
Shall MIPA's bylaws be updated as proposed by board of directors?

YES

NO

