Data Science Cooperative 2020 Elections

20 November 2019

QUICK FAQs
Where is the nomination form?
It's a google form that you can find [here](#).

What positions are open?
    Co-Chair
    Communications Chair
    Membership Chair
    Member-at large

Please see the [by-laws](#) for detailed descriptions of each position.

Deadline and submission details for nominations
Deadline: December 6th, 2019
Submit to: Laura Norén (laura.noren@nyu.edu) and Justin Kitzes (justin.Kitzes@pitt.edu)
Format: Candidate statements can be emails or google docs
Voting period: Voting begins on Dec 9th and concludes on Dec 20th
Results: Results will be announced January 2nd
Term length: 2 years from 31 Jan 2020 to 30 Jan 2022

Can I *run* for more than one position?
Yes!

Can I *serve* in more than one position?
Nah.

Who is eligible to run?
Anyone who was a postdoc, research engineer, or data scientist funded by the Moore-Sloan Data Science Environment is currently eligible to run. In the future, when our membership expands to include people who did not receive Moore-Sloan funding, the eligibility requirement will be anyone who is a member of the Data Science Cooperative.

Are we using ranked choice voting?
Yes.

How does ranked choice voting work?
For each position with more than two candidates, voters rank all candidates. In some races, this will result in a clear winner who has an outright majority after the first vote count. In cases where there is no candidate with a majority of the votes, the candidate who received the least votes will be eliminated. All of the voters who selected that candidate as the first place candidate will give their vote to their second choice candidate. The votes will be re-tallied. This will continue until one candidate has a clear majority.

What about people running for more than one position?
We are allowing candidates to run for as many positions as they are willing to hold. In the case that a candidate ends up with a majority of votes in two or more positions, their preference will determine which position they fill. No candidate can fill more than one position, no matter how many votes they win.

If a candidate runs un-opposed for one position, and takes a majority for another position for which they also ran, the candidate will still be allowed to choose which position they will assume.

What do I have to do to nominate myself? What goes in a candidate statement?
We assume most nominations will be self-nominations. If you'd like to run or offer a nomination for someone else, please use this **nomination form**.

Prepare a candidate statement:
1. *Introduce yourself with a short bio* - where are you now? What is your tie to Moore-Sloan? What other activities do you participate in that you'd like voters to know about?
2. *Explain why you would be a good fit* for the position(s) for which you are running. This could include past experience, your passion for community building, your ability to motivate others, etc.
3. If you have a *strategic vision*, set of activities, or a specific mission you'd like to spearhead while you are elected, please share it.

What if I want to nominate someone else?
Please ask the person if they want to be nominated. If they are up for it, either one or both of you may prepare their candidate statement.

What if I want to endorse a particular candidate?

Use our slack channel to offer endorsements.
Slack: msdse.slack.com #alumni channel

What if nobody runs for a particular position?
In the unlikely chance that a position has nobody in the running, the executive committee may appoint someone into the position immediately or at any time before the next regular election. Appointed positions will last for no more than one year and the position will stand for election again in the next regular election cycle.

What if I have questions about running and serving?
If you want to talk to someone who has served, please feel free to reach out to members of the existing committee for one-on-one chats.

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