



## 2023 MTA Board Election Candidate Application

### CHECK LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (digital signatures accepted on forms)

- Completed Candidate Application
- Completed Conflict of Interest Certification and Disclosure Form
- Resume
- Personal biography (200 word maximum)
- Attach statements:
  - 1) “Why I want to serve on MTA’s Board of Directors” (200 word maximum)
  - 2) In your opinion, what are some of the greatest opportunities and challenges facing MTA and how will you serve to best meet those on behalf of MTA members? (200 word maximum)
- Attach one photograph – head shot of high-resolution

This form is considered public information and may be shared with MTA members and the news media. If you do not provide any of the required attachments, that portion of the public information shared will be noted as “Candidate declined to answer or provide.”

### DEADLINES

Applications from candidates seeking to be **Endorsed and Nominated by the MTA Nominating Committee** must be **received** (not postmarked) by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2023**. (Nominating Committee Members are Gary Hessmer, Randi Perlman, Merry Braham, Chas St. George and Clay Walker). Applications from candidates nominated by Member Petition must be received (not postmarked) by **5:00 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2023**.

### WHERE TO RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- 1) **Hand-delivery:** Can be hand delivered to MTA Headquarters Building at 480 Commercial Drive in Palmer on or before deadline date during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.).
- 2) **Fax or Email:** May be faxed or emailed to the Association’s Palmer headquarters at (907) 761-2677 or to [tressler@mtasolutions.com](mailto:tressler@mtasolutions.com)
- 3) **Postal Service:** May be mailed to MTA Nominating Committee, c/o Matanuska Telecom Association, 1740 S. Chugach Street, Palmer, AK 99645. Application must be **received** by MTA (not postmarked) on or before deadline date during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.).

*It is the responsibility of the person filing the application to ensure it has been successfully and completely received by MTA by the due date. For confirmation, you may contact MTA (Tracy Ressler, Executive Compliance Officer) at (907) 761-2608 or [tressler@mtasolutions.com](mailto:tressler@mtasolutions.com)*

### QUESTIONS

Contact Tracy Ressler, Executive Compliance Officer at (907) 761-2608.

Please indicate whether you are applying to be nominated by the MTA Nominating Committee or by Member Petition (see MTA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4):

Nominating Committee

Petition

Legal name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of primary residence if different from mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name as you wish it to appear on MTA's Official Annual Meeting Notice and Ballot \_\_\_\_\_

Residence phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**To become a Board Director, a person must meet certain qualifications contained in MTA's Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3**

1. Are you a Member in good standing of the Association and current in your obligation to the Association? Yes  No

2. Are you a candidate on behalf of an organization, such as a corporation or church that is an MTA member? If "Yes", please complete the following. Yes  No

Name of organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address of organization \_\_\_\_\_

Main telephone number of the organization \_\_\_\_\_

Your position with that organization \_\_\_\_\_

Is your position one that has you substantially occupying, directing or using the premises served by MTA? Yes  No

Are you a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by MTA? Yes  No

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|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3. Are you at least eighteen years old?   | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Are you a bona fide resident in the area served by the Association?  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you receive MTA service at your primary residence?  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Have you been an employee of the Association or one of its subsidiaries within the past three (3) years, or a close relative of such a person? | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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**It is the duty of a Director to devote significant attention to the affairs of the Association. It is estimated that a Director spends a minimum of 100 hours per year on Association business. Board Members serve without salary, on a fee basis only, plus reimbursement for expenses in connection with travel on Association business.**

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| 8. Does your schedule and other commitments allow you to attend regularly scheduled board meetings, board workshops, and committee meetings?  | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Are you willing to attend additional special meetings of the Board, the meetings of state and national telecommunication organizations, and training seminars to aid in keeping you informed on matters affecting the Association? | Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> | No<br><input type="checkbox"/> |

I certify that the disclosure and application I am submitting is true, accurate, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the qualifications to hold a seat on the Board of Directors of MTA. Should I become aware of any potential conflict of interest or disqualification, I will immediately disclose any such potential to the Board of Directors for resolution.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Conflict of Interest Certification and Disclosure Form

The questions on this form are designed to help directors, candidates for director, and the members of MTA to determine whether or not a conflict of interest exists.

Under MTA's Bylaws, directors and candidates for director are required to annually disclose:

- Their involvement with other organizations, with vendors, or any associations that might be or might reasonably be seen as being a conflict, and
- Whether they have had a financial interest in a bid, proposal, project or contract with the organization within the last two years.

Board members must have loyalty to the member/owners, unconflicted by loyalties to staff, other organizations, and any personal interest as a consumer.

Board members must avoid material conflicts of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility and/or personal relationships.

1. Do you have a close relative who is a director or employee of the Association? (Close relative is presently defined in the Association's Bylaws, Article IV, Section 7 (e) "... parents, husband, wife, children, brothers, sisters by blood, by marriage, by law, or by adoption and individuals residing in the same residence.")	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Are you employed by or financially interested in an enterprise which:

a. Competes with the Association or one of its subsidiaries?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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b. Is a wholesale, resale, interexchange, interconnection or competitive local exchange service provider?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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c. Is involved in a joint venture or other business relationship with the Association?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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d. Is a business selling telecommunications services and telecommunications supplies to the Association?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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A "yes" answer to any of the questions **on this page** disqualifies the member from serving on the Board of Directors.

3. Are you an owner, officer or director of any organization that supplies goods or services worth more than \$1,000 annually to MTA?

Yes

No

If you answered "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you, your spouse, children, or any other close relative have any other business, financial, or similar relationship that would reasonably be expected to affect your ability to act in the best interests of MTA?

Yes

No

If you answered "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Within the past two years, have you:

a. Had a financial interest in a bid or proposal submitted to MTA?

Yes

No

b. Been a party to or performed work under a contract with or on a project for MTA?

Yes

No

If you answered "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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If you answered "yes" to any of the questions **on this page** and need additional space to answer, please attach additional pages.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_