

## State Conference Elections Postponed; Will Now be Concurrent with National Elections

The national AAUP began conducting elections online recently and has invited state conferences to begin holding state elections concurrently with the national elections. At their meeting on August 12, 2009, the Colorado Conference Executive

Council voted to postpone state conference elections until spring in order to take advantage of this offer.

This vote changes our previous practice of holding elections in the fall. It also means that current

officers whose terms would normally expire on October 31 of this year will continue to serve in those offices until the next election is held.

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There executive committee feels there are several benefits to this change. Data from the national office shows that online elections increase voter participation. This is likely to be especially so for the state because of the visibility afforded by holding elections concurrently with national elections.

Another advantage is that this change can be made at no additional cost to the conference or to the national office because the company that conducts the elections for the national AAUP does not charge extra for including extra items on the ballot.

Offices that will be open for election in the spring include: VP for Administrative Matters, VP for Community College Matters, Secretary, and three at-large members of the Executive Council, who are elected from campuses without AAUP chapters. All chapter presidents are ex-officio, voting members of the state conference Executive Council and no more than two members of the Executive Council may be from the same Colorado institution of higher education. A call for nominations be issued in late winter/early spring. If you are passionate about academic freedom and shared governance, please consider running for state office.

### ***Call for Nominations***

Please send nominations for the following offices to Marki LeCompte, AAUP-CO VP for Administrative Matters, [marki@markilecompte.org](mailto:marki@markilecompte.org).

- VP-Administrative Matters
- VP-Community College Matters
- Secretary
- At-Large Member of the Executive Council (must be from a campus without an AAUP Chapter)

Note: Chapter presidents are members of the Executive Council. No more than two members of the Executive Council may be from the same Colorado institution of higher education.

***Self Nominations are allowed. Please consider serving!***