

2021 NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

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 Name of Local _____
 Local # 243 How long a member of the union ~20y

Office desired (circle one):

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| President | PK-12 Vice President | State Employees Vice President |
| Secretary | WTCS Vice President | PSRP Vice President |
| Treasurer | University Vice President | Graduate Employees Vice President |
| <u>Regional Vice President (3 - Northern, Eastern, West/Central)</u> | | Retiree Council Vice President |

Positions held in local President

Activities with AFL-CIO affiliates: Local/State/National _____

Political activities _____

Educational background MA Anthropology (UW, Madison)

Profession Faculty, Anthropology

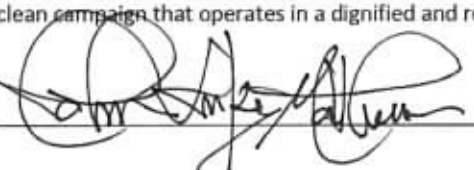
Location Madison Area Technical Colleges

Other activities and qualifications _____

This is to certify that the above-named candidate has been nominated for office in accordance with the Constitution of AFT-Wisconsin. Please indicate the procedure used in nominating the candidate on page two of this form.

Candidates may submit a position paper of no more than 300 words on why he/she is seeking a position on the AFT-Wisconsin Executive Board to be posted on the AFT-Wisconsin website. This must be submitted electronically to Kathy Kreul at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org no later than Sunday, September 19, 2021.

As a candidate for office in AFT-Wisconsin, I will not engage in name calling, whisper campaigns, slander, libel or other inappropriate tactics. I will conduct a clean campaign that operates in a dignified and respectable manner that befits our union. I will instruct my supporters that they should do the same.

Signature  Date: 19 September 2021

Section 1. Nomination of officers may be made as follows:

(a) Up to seven (7) days prior to Convention, nomination may be made by any local (signature of two officers) or by petition of any 10 members of the State Federation for any offices except Council Vice Presidents. Nominations for Council Vice Presidents may be made by any local attached to the respective Council or by petition of any ten (10) members belonging to the respective Council. Nominations for Regional Vice Presidents may be made by any local attached to the respective region or by petition of any ten (10) members belonging to the respective region. The word "days" shall be construed to mean calendar days throughout the AFT-Wisconsin Constitution and Bylaws unless otherwise noted.

(b) If no candidate files for an office, the incoming elected Executive Board will notify respective groups of openings and the President will appoint the position with the advice and consent of the newly elected Executive Board from the names received for consideration.

NOTE: Nominations made by a local require the signature of two of the local's officers.

(c) In each case, Convention shall be informed of who has made each nomination.

(d) A candidate may only be nominated or appear on the ballot for one (1) Executive Board position during the same election year.

(e) The AFT-W Retiree Council V-P/President shall be nominated and elected at the biennial retiree council meeting by the members present.

Section 2. Persons nominated before thirty (30) days prior to Convention may submit to the Executive Board before thirty (30) days prior to the Convention statements of position, and the Executive Board, subject to such rules as they shall from time to time enact, shall circulate these to all members of the State Federation or to all locals before fifteen (15) days prior to Convention.

Please indicate the procedure used in nominating the candidate:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	By local:	<u>Melissa Bruning</u> Officer signature	<u>SECRETARY / TREASURER</u> Officer title
		<u>John Zander</u> Officer signature	<u>PSRP Vic President</u> Officer title

By any 10 members of the Federation or respective council/region (print names-they must be legible):

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PLEASE NOTE: Descriptions of duties and expectations for Executive Board positions can be found on the AFT-W website or can be obtained by calling the AFT-W office at 608-662-1444 or emailing kreul@aft-wisconsin.org.

Statement for Luke Matthews (VP West/Central Region)

I am currently the President of AFT Local 243 serving the PSRP Staff and Full-Time Faculty at Madison Area Technical College, and am running to serve on the Executive Board of AFT-W as VP of the West/Central Region. Since arriving in the United States from where I grew up, Okinawa, in 1974, I served in the US Army as a combat medic and surgical technician and worked for ten years in Pennsylvania and West Virginia in the field of radiation therapy technology before starting graduate school at the UW, Madison. Since 1997, I have been teaching anthropology at Madison Area Technical College. My experiences and studies have taught me to look critically at our society and how the rhetoric we hear very often does not match the reality that people live. Celebratory talk of equality is often an attempt to hide the fact that our society is divided against itself by deep economic inequalities created and maintained through greed, self-interest, and bigotry of those in power. I am committed to the principle that the labor movement can be a force to better the lives of all working people regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. I am committed to the idea that together through our collective action we, as union members and workers, can restore a stronger sense of the common good and work effectively to make a more just society. I am seeking a position on the AFT-W Executive Board to continue to put my commitments to action.