

# Convention Part I: MASC Candidate Elections

Saturday, March 26, 2022



## Roundtable Discussion Topics

### 1:00-1:50 p.m. Roundtable Discussion Sessions

1:00-1:20 Group Session 1  
 1:20-1:25 Transition  
 1:25-1:50 Group Session 2

Students can choose a topic of their choice. There are two sessions and the same topics are offered during both sessions.

Title	Description
Advocacy	This roundtable session will touch on advocacy. You'll be faced with some scenarios that you must try and solve; along with creating a Shark tank item to persuade the Shark.
Advocating and Testifying -- The Basic Steps	Have you ever wanted to testify to your region's Board of Education about an upcoming budget resolution or for the Maryland General Assembly in support of an important bill? Join this discussion to learn how to write your own testimony, sign up for speaking slots, and pick bills/resolutions to support!
Bills Passing Through the Maryland General Assembly	This is a discussion about current bills in the Maryland General Assembly that are of interest to delegates. It will be an opportunity to learn more about new policies being considered and the process of passing them.
Environmental Advocacy	This roundtable discussion would be focused on how we can become better advocates, what impacts our actions are having on the environment, what our fears regarding climate change are, and other important environmental questions relevant to the Maryland student body.
Fundraising Brainstorming	Student Government members will share experiences and ideas regarding fundraising at their respective student government associations.
How to Effectively Run a Student Government Social Media Account	Join us if you have tips on or want to learn more about how to effectively prompt yourself through social media when campaigning or being in an elected position.
Let's Talk About Racism	We will discuss what racism is and how it affects our lives. We will also talk about the effect racism has in our communities.
Mental Health	This roundtable discussion will touch on all aspects of mental health within students' lives and how recent events may have impacted their overall well-being. In addition, we will discuss ways that we as student advocates can aid in the progression of mental health initiatives on both the school, county, and state-wide levels of government.
School Safety: How You Can Make a Difference as a Student	Do you see school safety issues in your school? If you're interested in making a difference in the state of Maryland regarding this topic, join this discussion to learn more about the Maryland Center for School Safety and the MASC School Safety Liaison position.
The MLW Experience	Maryland Leadership Workshops (MLW) Program Specialist, Rick Gross (MASC Alumni), will tell you all about all the opportunities that are available during the summer residential program.
Time Management and Organization	An important part of being a leader is managing your time wisely and being organized. In this roundtable, we will discuss time management tips and organization strategies.
Youth Organizations - What are they? Why do we need them?	In this roundtable, we will discuss the importance of "youth-led" organizations. We will dive into the various topics that youth organizations specialize in, highlight different youth-led organizations around us, and explore how these organizations make a difference!

*The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students.*