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## Dec. Executive Board Meeting

On Saturday, December 9th, the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) held its annual December Executive Board Meeting at Crofton High School. During the meeting, the executive board presented reports, voted on Convention bids, and more. MASC Officer and Department Director reports included reflections on Fall Leadership Conference, various leadership events, and department initiatives. Regional presidents and SMOBs shared their accomplishments thus far, and their goals for the upcoming year. The executive board took multiple votes during the meeting, passing legislation related to MASC and State SMOB elections, as well as a MASC bill stance for the upcoming general session. MASC is taking a favorable stance on House Bill 901 Maryland Age Appropriate Design Code.

Current State SMOB, Abisola Ayoola, shared updates concerning the search for a new state superintendent, discussed recent school visits, congratulated Maryland General Assembly (MGA) Pages for the upcoming session, and shared information concerning college readiness initiatives. Board members were also told that the search for the 2024-2025 State SMOB is underway. Maryland students will be voting on the final two candidates during this year's Convention. The executive board also accepted bids for Calvert County to host the Advisor Hospitality at Convention and for Northwood High School to host the Conference. The MASC Executive board will come together next year for their February Executive Board Meeting.



## New Convention

For the past few months, students across Maryland have been asking, "What is this new version of MASC Convention?" With the removal of Legislative Session from the MASC calendar and the introduction of the Spring Leadership Conference, advisors and students are curious about what Convention will look like this year. As outlined by MASC leadership, the biggest change to Convention this year will be the inclusion of State SMOB elections. In addition to electing the next MASC Officers, delegates will be tasked with voting for the two finalists for the State SMOB positions. These two finalists' name will be forwarded to the governor who appoints one candidate to the position.

This event's workshops will expand to topics such as bills and advocacy, in addition to the usual workshop topics presented by student facilitators. The general sessions will consist of elections, voting on bill stances, and motivational speech from the Convention speaker, Logan Taylor from YB Normal?. This conference is only open to MASC member schools. MASC looks forward to seeing delegates experience this conference in a new and exciting way.

## SMOB CORNER

### State SMOB Abisola Ayoola

has a newsletter with updates about her position and the State Board of Education. Check out the newsletter [here.](#)



## Regional Spotlight

A few months ago, MCR-SGA (Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association) hosted Fall Leadership Conference at Seneca Valley High School. Hosting this event took months of preparation and coordination with MASC. At the beginning of the planning process, MCR made the selection of a school in their region for which they submitted a bid. The aim of hosting the event at Seneca Valley was to uniquely involve student government members at that school in SGA, MCR, and MASC. "We've had a lot of Seneca Valley kids sign up for our general assembly and we had a lot of Seneca Valley kids come to our executive board meeting," said Nico, MCR's treasurer. The region is very proud of the impact they made on the Seneca Valley Student Government Association and the success of the event.

In addition to hosting one of MASC's biggest events of the year, MCR has a lot planned for this school year. Their biggest goal for the year is equity. They are working to reach out to schools across their region and involve them in all aspects of their advocacy and leadership. One of their biggest initiatives is working to vote on policy planks and to advocate for legislation in the Maryland General Assembly as well as Congress. MCR was excited to continue their already extremely productive and impactful school year.

## MASC General Information

### Spirit Wear Info

Purchase MASC spirit wear [here!](#) You can have your merch shipped to your home.

### Green Goals

MASC's Environmental Affairs Coordinators post a GreenCrabs Newsletter each month.

Check out their newsletter to find this month's green goals, as well as some environmental initiatives.

### MASC AIMS

MASC 2nd VP, Siya Jain is hard at working networking with middle schoolers across Maryland. For more information on how to get involved as a middle schooler, click here.

### Fundraisers

Click here to find out more information about MASC's ongoing fundraisers.

## Looking Ahead

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### Officer Applications Open

*February 9th- February 18th*

Link to application [here!](#)

### February Executive Board Meeting

*February 10th*

Link to Executive Board Meeting Information [here!](#)