

2021 NOMINATION FOR OFFICE



Name **Lisa Conley**

Name of Local **Milwaukee Area Technical College Federation**

Local # **212** How long a member of the union **19 years**

Office desired (circle one):

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Vice President (3 - Northern, Eastern, West/Central)

PK-12 Vice President
WTCS Vice President
University Vice President

- State Employees Vice President
- PSRP Vice President
- Graduate Employees Vice President
- Retiree Council Vice President

Positions held in local: Examples include: College shared governance committee representative (numerous committees each year); Health & Safety Committee member; Racial & Social Justice Committee member; Executive Board Member; COPE Member; COPE Leadership Committee; Executive Vice President; Have been President now for 6 years. I am proud to be the first elected President who identifies as she/her in the history of Local 212.

Activities with AFL-CIO affiliates: Local/State/National: Local Area Examples: Delegate to Milwaukee Area Labor Council (MALC); MALC COPE Leaders Committee; Participate in MALC member organizations' actions; Partnered in events/ actions with AFT's Wisconsin Federation of Nursing and Healthcare Professionals (WFNHP); organized Local 212's participation in annual Laborfest parade activities. **State Examples:** Participate in AFL-CIO WI affiliate joint actions; Co-organized Coalition of Southern Wisconsin WEAC-AFT WTCS Locals; Organized periodic digital discussions with AFT WTCS affiliate locals statewide; Delegate to AFL-CIO WI Conventions; Delegate to and panelist at AFT-WI Conventions; AFTW WTCS Vice President and Executive Board member; AFT-WI Union Leadership Institute (ULI) panelist, organizing workshop leader; AFT-WI ULI planning committee; AFT-WI Scholarship Committee; AFT-WI; **National Examples:** Appointed to the AFT Career & Technical Education Committee; Delegate to AFT National Conventions; Invited presenter at numerous AFT workshop offerings; Member of the AFT Midwest Region COVID Response Team; Representative at AFT Midwest Region Organizing and Leadership Training workshops; Hosted/ assisted in organizing/ spoke at multiple AFT National events in the Milwaukee Area; Recipient of multiple organizing grants/ awards from the AFT (e.g., Prize for Solution-Driven Unionism; Everyone Back to School Safely).

Political activities: Examples include: Member Local 212 COPE; Local 212 COPE Leadership Committee; Member MALC COPE Committee; Representative on AFT-Wisconsin COPE; Integral interface for Local 212 with area activist community partners including Voces de la Frontera (member), NAACP Milwaukee Chapter (member), League of Women Voters WI and Milwaukee (member), Souls to the Polls, Milwaukee Area Service & Hospitality union (MASH), Milwaukee Working Families Party (former Milwaukee organizing committee); along with Local 212 COPE Chairperson serve as principal interface and lobbyist with local (county and city), state and national office holders; author/ co-author press releases and position papers; co-organized and spoke at press conferences; organized and participated in Local 212-, AFT-WI-, community partner- sponsored issue-based marches, protests and other events; participated in and organized political and issues-based canvassing, phone-banking and other elections-related get-out-the vote activities and events; worked with other Local 212 member to develop and deliver student voting education and outreach programming; co-organized Local 212 member and student turnout for and spoke at numerous local and state-wide public budget and other hearings/ listening sessions.

Educational background: Proud product of Wisconsin's public K-12 school system (Rice Lake); Thankful for Pell support to complete my undergraduate education via the UW-System - A.S., UW- Barron County (now, UW-Eau Claire @ Barron County), B.S. in Nuclear Medicine Technology from UW-LaCrosse (Clinical Internship Mayo Clinic), PhD Biological Sciences (Human Physiology) from UW-Milwaukee; Post-Doctoral Fellowship (and visiting professor), Department of Biological Sciences, UW-Milwaukee.

Profession & Location: Proud Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) full-time faculty these past 19 years in the Department of Biological Sciences at the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC). Former health occupations professional (Nuclear Medicine

Technologist, Minneapolis, MN & Milwaukee, WI); Former tenured Associate Professor of Biological Sciences and Physical Therapy at Carroll College (now Carroll University), Waukesha, WI.

Other activities and qualifications:

I am running for VP-WTCS because I feel that my background & professional experience, skills, and vision will be assets to our state union federation in the next biennium, a period that will be pivotal in history.

Growing up I have benefited from the "common good" (AFDC, Peli, etc.). As the product of Wisconsin's K-12 and UW Systems (A.S.- PhD), I know the power of affordable, high-quality education. With lived experiences from Rice Lake to Milwaukee, rural to urban, I have experienced the challenges and seen that there is more that unites than divides us.

I have dedicated my 27-year Higher Ed teaching career to paying it forward to the State's next generations. Whether fighting to protect & grow our public-school systems, championing respect for educators and their contributions, or building networks for change, I've stood up for students and those who educate them.

Starting at Carroll University and culminating with my current service as President of Local 212 at MATC, I have over 25 years of experience and a proven track record of union organizing, leadership, coalition building and activism at the local, state, regional and national levels. Whether winning a new bargaining unit, serving on the AFT's CTE Committee, participating on multi-union coalitions, speaking at state budget hearings, protesting on campuses or in the streets with community partners, or serving on the AFTW Executive Board, I act for the common good. I fight for people, not power. I ask for your support for another term as your WTCS representative VP so that I can represent your interests and keep technical education front-and-center in state and national decision-making and so that together AFT-W can build upon growth demonstrated these past two years in membership, service, activism, and political influence.

Together we can do great things!

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/they are 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 Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

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 benefits our union. I will instruct my supporters that they should do the same.

Signature:

Date: **9/7/2023**



2021 BYLAWS ARTICLE IV - Elections

Section 1. Nominations for office open 6 months prior to the convention (see Article VII, Elections, Section 1 of the Constitution). 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.

Members will receive monthly, electronic notifications of nominations received. The deadline for nominations is 7 days prior to convention.

(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.


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

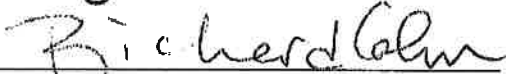
(d) A candidate may only be nominated or appear on the ballot for one (1) Executive Board position during the same election year.

(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 may submit a statement of position to the Executive Board up to seven (7) days prior to the convention which shall be posted with the nomination papers.

Please indicate the procedure used in nominating the candidate:

By local:  VP MEMBERSHIP
 Officer signature Officer title

 VP Part-time Faculty
 Officer signature Officer title

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

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.