

MEC SURVEY

The Missouri Ethics Commission is conducting a brief satisfaction survey and we'd like to hear from you. This is a first step in our focus to understand what we do well and identify opportunities to improve.



Your survey responses will be anonymous unless you choose to provide contact information. All information is confidential.

[Begin Survey](#)

Campaign Finance

- As provided in Art. VIII, Sec. 23 candidate, exploratory and political party committees cannot accept monetary or in-kind contributions from corporations or labor organizations. See [website](#) for more info.
- If registering a new committee or amending current committee information use the new online Statement of Committee Organization. **REMEMBER**, the form must be:
 - **Printed**
 - **Signed** and
 - **Mailed** to the MEC
- To determine if a committee must file an upcoming report, carefully answer the questions included in the reminder email sent to every committee, for every election.

PFD Annual Filers



Political subdivisions with an annual operating budget (AOB) over \$1 million will be able to [electronically](#) submit their list of required annual Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) filers to MEC (password info will be sent in November).

Upon logging in to the [Political Subdivision e-Filer system](#), both last year's annual filers and last year's candidates will be displayed.

Carefully review each section, update each filer, and remove those no longer required to file. **Reminder:** if an annual filer held the position at any time in 2017, that person is still required to file for the time period served. Each subdivision must notify those people whose names have been submitted. The MEC will also send notice to each filer in January. PFDs are due by May 1, 2018 (earlier if a candidate).

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ELECTION NEWS

ATTENTION: Officials Accepting Declarations of Candidacy:
Packets for 2018 Elections coming in October

- **Review the packet**
includes instruction letter, 2018 Guide to Ethics Law, PFD forms (AOB >\$1mil) & Notice to Candidate.
- **Review your Candidate Declaration form**
may include wording that candidate has no outstanding campaign finance reports due from prior elections.
- **Remember**, §130.071 RSMo prohibits candidates from taking office until all reports are filed.

! **Be sure to discard all old election materials!**

Our Mission:

The MEC serves the public interest by promoting and maintaining transparency, accountability, and compliance with campaign finance, lobbying, and conflict of interest laws. We educate and assist the citizens of Missouri, public officials, lobbyists, and those participating in public elections by increasing awareness and understanding of the law. We investigate and enforce these laws consistently.

Campaign Finance Updates

Constitutional Art. VIII, Sec. 23

The Commission has received several requests for opinions interpreting Article VIII, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution (Amendment 2). Below are summaries of the most recent opinions issued. For complete information including FAQs, visit [this page](#).

Advisory Opinions

2017.09.CF.018 1) Nothing in Chapter 130 or the Missouri Constitution prohibits a candidate from appearing at a fundraising event, or from fundraising on behalf of the continuing committee/PAC. However, committee must be a true continuing committee/PAC and not operate as a second candidate committee.

2) A continuing committee/PAC may not receive funds from the general treasury of a corporation where the treasurer of the continuing committee/PAC is the spouse of a shareholder, board member, partner, executive officer, LLC manager or LLC member.

3) Direction is given on donor involvement in continuing committee/PAC given the prohibition on corporate or union funds to certain committees.

2017.08.CF.016 A labor organization which serves as a connected organization may transfer membership

from its treasury funds to its continuing committee/PAC. It may consider segregation of funds and must keep accurate records.

2017.08.CF.017 A non-profit corporation that meets the requirements of Art. VIII, §23.3(3)(b) may contribute to candidate committees, exploratory committees, and political party committees. Guidance is given on the 3-part test of Art. VIII, §23.3(3)(b).

2017.07.CF.014 A PAC that is funded with 100% of its monetary contributions by a corporation's general treasury funds cannot be "deemed" to be a "connected organization." However, the PAC can be connected if the corporation is expending funds to establish, administer and maintain the committee, or to solicit officers, directors, employees or security holders of such organization.

MEC Employee Spotlight

Kay Dinolfo: New MEC Reporting Analyst

Kay has served in a number of positions in state government, including most recently at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Kay served as Co-Director of Elections with the Secretary of State's Elections Division. She has worked with the public and local election officials to educate them about their responsibilities under the law. We know that Kay is well-equipped to join our team and provide quality assistance to those who file reports with MEC. Kay began her duties with the MEC in early October. Welcome to the team, Kay!

MEC TRAINING

Now scheduling MEC training sessions for 2018. This includes new candidate training and other topics that pertain to the Commission. If you would like to host a candidate training or are in need of an MEC speaker at your event [contact us](#) for more information.

MEC Training Presentations

10/24	Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) Office Professionals Seminar
10/25	Southwest Missouri City Clerks & Finance Officers Association (SWMoCCFO)
10/26	Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)

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