



MCO CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL ELECT NEW BOARD AT MAY 10 MEETING

The MCO Central Committee will elect a new Executive Board at its May 10 meeting in Lansing.

Duties of Board members can be found in Articles 10 and 13 of the MCO [Constitution and Bylaws](#).

PRESIDENT

- **Byron Osborn** – URF 2nd Vice President & MCO Executive Board Member at Large
- **Bill Henderson** – MCO Executive Board Treasurer

VICE PRESIDENT

- **Brent Kowitz** – SMT Vice President & MCO Executive Board Recording Secretary
- **Ray Sholtz** – SLF 2nd Vice President & MCO Executive Board Member at Large

The Central Committee is made up of the chapter president, vice president and other leader delegates from each chapter. Information on Central Committee is in Article 12 of the MCO Constitution and Bylaws.

TREASURER

- **Paul Jensen** – ICF President
- **Ed Clements** – AMF 1st Vice President & MCO Executive Board Member at Large

RECORDING SECRETARY

- **Cary Johnson** – JCF Chief Steward & MCO Executive Board Member at Large

MEMBER AT LARGE (5 positions to be filled)

- **Scott Waggoner** – ARF President & MCO Executive Board Member at Large

Below are the nominees. Listed after each name is the nominee's currently held office(s).

Results of the election will be announced May 10. To hear the results first, join our [MCO Facebook group](#).

- **Dave Pasche** – MTU President
- **Tim Fleury** – LMF Chief Steward
- **Gabe Justinak** – OCF President
- **Marcus Collins** – DDC President
- **Latese Walls** – WHV President
- **Kacy Datema** – RMI President
- **Voncha Henderson** – WHV Vice President
- **Mark Dunn** – ECF President
- **Lorraine Emery** – IBC Chief Steward
- **Phillip Fleury** – CFP President

AROUND THE STATE: GANG FIGHTS AT ECF, AMF

At least twenty inmates took part in gang-related clashes Tuesday and Wednesday at the Oaks.

The fights involved inmates from Units 2 and 3, both Level IV. Both units were locked down.

The first fight started after a prisoner approached a member of a rival gang from behind and punched him in the head.

The next day, another prisoner hit an inmate in the back of the head, and seven more prisoners joined in the fight.

Officers intervened in these altercations quickly and escorted prisoners to segregation. No staff injuries were reported. A few inmates needed stitches and had minor injuries.

Thirteen Baraga inmates were moved to segregation for fights and assaults this week.

One fight, involving two members of rival gangs, broke out on the Unit 6 (Level V) yard Wednesday. As officers responded, another prisoner ran out of the unit to join the brawl.

Then on the Unit 4 (Level V) yard, a gang fight started near the phones. Three inmates received tickets for fighting, and six more were cited for failing to disperse when officers told them to return to their cells.

There was also an assault on the Unit 5 (Level V) yard Wednesday.

A weapon made from a metal outlet cover was found in Unit 4 Thursday.

IMPORTANT BUDGET UPDATE: SENATE WANTS YET ANOTHER CLOSURE

MCO leaders and members are completely opposed to Sen. John Proos' recent budget recommendation for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Proos, Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Corrections, has proposed a corrections budget that undercuts the [governor's proposal](#) by \$25 million dollars. Under the Senate recommendation, these cuts would be achieved by closing yet another unspecified prison, reducing funding to train new corrections officers, and eliminating transition costs to return food service from a private vendor back to state employees. MCO supports the governor's recommended budget.

[Read more on our website and contact your legislators](#) to let them know this proposal is dangerous.

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