



## MAES Social Media Guidelines

Thank you for being part of our MAES group. To preserve a forum that encourages civil dialogue and effective exchange of ideas, we have established some basic guidelines. By participating in this group, you agree that you have read and will follow these rules. You also agree to abide by all relevant MAES policies and procedures. We encourage our members to use the group for content that is aligned with the Mission and Vision of the organization ([www.mymaes.org/about-us](http://www.mymaes.org/about-us)). MAES reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership from this group for those who violate these rules.

### Guidelines for Group Engagement

1. All defamatory, disparaging, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal comments are strictly prohibited.
2. Do not challenge or attack members or their ideas. Members personally attacking others with harmful words or threatening language will be removed from the group.
3. Individuals posting only for the sake of causing negative controversy or distress may at the discretion of the MAES Board of Directors or Elections Committee (during election time) be considered trolling. These are considered grounds for immediate removal from the group.
4. All opinions will be treated with mutual respect, unless they violate these guidelines, in which case they may be removed from the group. For posts violating these guidelines, members are encouraged to bring them to the attention of the National Board of Directors ([questions@mymaes.org](mailto:questions@mymaes.org)) rather than further enabling the violations.
5. Do not post graphic photos, videos and other media in this group. If you are not sure about the content you want to post, email the National Board of Directors ([questions@mymaes.org](mailto:questions@mymaes.org))
6. Posting more than 5 times on the main group page on the same day needs to be justified to the National Board of Directors ([questions@mymaes.org](mailto:questions@mymaes.org)) or Elections committee ([elections@mymaes.org](mailto:elections@mymaes.org)) during election time. The intent is to minimize the spamming of our members and diluting the value of our group.
7. The posting of content that relates to confidential information of MAES or other organizations is strictly prohibited.
8. The posting of content that is harmful or damaging to the image of MAES or other organizations is strictly prohibited.
9. Be courteous, be fair, be professional, and use common sense.
10. Think before you post! Social media sites have billions of members. Please keep the reputation and integrity of MAES and our community in mind.