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## Brief Background

The Malawi Secondary School Head teachers' Association (MASSHA) conducted elections for the National Executive Committee (NEC) on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Blue Waters Holiday Resort in Salima. Prior to the elections, MASSHA launched its constitution. The Constitution, as a rule book, mandates the NEC to conduct election conferences to usher in Executive Committees at Divisional level.

Thus, guided by the Constitution and the Workplan that the NEC developed, the Divisional Election Conferences were scheduled to take place from March to May. With guidance from the Directorate of Secondary Education, MASSHA settled for 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 as the date to conduct the elections across the six education divisions.

Desirous to conduct elections that will be credible, transparent, free and fair, MASSHA worked in liaison with the Education Division Office in the organization and conduct of the elections. Other key stakeholders like the Teachers' Union of Malawi (TUM) and Secondary School Teachers' Union (SESTU) were also invited to send their representatives to attend the conferences as observers.

On 14<sup>th</sup> April, the day of the elections, two out of the six Education Division Managers (EDMs) attended the conferences in their

respective Divisions otherwise others sent in their representatives as it can be noted in the table below:

S/N	Education Division	Venue	EDM or Representative
01	NED	Katoto Secondary School	The SIA, (Mr Kapira)
02	CEED	Rams Lodge (Mponela)	The EDM (Mr Billy Banda)
03	CWED	Bwaila Secondary School	The EDM (Mr Joseph Nkhata)
04	SEED	Annie's Lodge (Liwonde)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chief Inspection and Quality Assurance Officer (Mrs. Edna Manyungwa)</li> <li>• The DoSS (Mrs. Finye-Winiko)</li> </ul>
05	SWED	Chichiri Secondary School	The Chief Inspection and Quality Assurance Officer (Mr. Pantry Kandio)
06	SHED	Mulanje Secondary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The DDOSS (Ms. Maziko Mittawa)</li> <li>• The Statistician in SHED Planning Section (Mr Ausbert Kandodo)</li> </ul>

## Election Process

As evidently stipulated in the MASSHA Constitution, delegates to the Division Elections Conference are drawn from the education districts that make up the Division. That is, nine (9) members that form the Executive Committee at District level, are the identified as delegates and consequently hold voting rights at such elections.

The Constitution was read out to the delegates to ensure that the process is in tandem with the Constitutional provisions. All the 9 positions were up for grabs during the elections which were to be through secret ballot.

Prior to the voting process, the Committee that was holding powers was dissolved to allow the commencement of the voting process.

## Election Results

Below is the summary of the election results from each of the six education divisions

### I. NED

Position	Nominees	District	Votes	Winner
<b>President</b>	Zimulange Mhango	Mzimba (N)	16	<b>Zimulange Mhango</b>
	James Chipapa	Mzimba (S)	11	
	Getrude Phiri	Nkhata-Bay	07	
<b>Vice President</b>	Getrude Phiri	Nkhata-Bay	20	<b>Getrude Phiri</b>
	James Chipapa	Mzimba (S)	14	
<b>Secretary</b>	Fariot Ngwira	Mzuzu	16	<b>Malefa Cheketa</b>
	Malefa cheketa	Likoma	10	
	Oscar Jere	Mzimba (S)	04	
<b>Vice Sec</b>	Malefa Cheketa	Likoma	20	<b>Malefa Cheketa</b>
	Lennie Singini	Nkhata-Bay	10	
	Oscar Jere	Mzimba (S)	04	
<b>Treasurer</b>	James Chipapa	Mzimba (S)	27	<b>James Chipapa</b>
	Lennie Singini	Nkhata-Bay	06	
	Reuben Singogo	Karonga	1	
<b>Publicity Secretary</b>	Chimwemwe Shaba	Rumphi	17	<b>Chimwemwe Shaba</b>
	Reuben Singogo	Karonga	09	
	Island Mtambo	Karonga	08	
<b>Gender Coordinator</b>	Sr. Clementina Phiri	Chitipa	19	<b>Sr. Clementina Phiri</b>
	Lennie Singini	Nkhata-Bay	11	
	Nellie Chipeta	Mzuzu	04	
<b>Resource Mobilisation Coordinator</b>	Mapeza Mhango	Mzimba (N)	20	<b>Mapeza Mhango</b>
	Mathews Chiumia	Rumphi	09	
	Island Mhango	Karonga	05	
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Island Mhango	Karonga	23	

	Reuben Singogo	Karonga	10	<b>Island Mhango</b>
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FIGURE 1: STANDING IS THE NEW MASSHA-NED CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## 2. CEED

Position	Nominees	District	Votes	Winner
<b>President</b>	Frank A. Phiri	Kasungu	29	<b>Frank A. Phiri</b>
	Goodhope Mbawe	Nkhota-kota	08	
	Widris .E. Banda	Salima	07	
<b>Vice President</b>	Grace Mambala	Dowa	16	<b>Isaac Mwangomba</b>
	Goodhope Mbawe	Nkhota-kota	07	
	Isaac Mwangomba	Ntchisi	22	
<b>Secretary</b>	Abel Neba	Dowa	37	<b>Abel Neba</b>
	Frank Ali Phiri	Kasungu	08	
<b>Vice Sec</b>	Mercy Phiri	Kasungu	13	<b>Kumwambala</b>
	Kumwambala	Salima	32	

<b>Treasurer</b>	Austin Ziyaya	Nkhota-kota	21	<b>Moreen Bandawe</b>
	Moreen Bandawe	Kasungu	23	
<b>Publicity Secretary</b>	Saulosi Mdalamba	Salima	35	<b>Saulosi Mdalamba</b>
	Zgambo	Ntchisi	10	
<b>Gender Coordinator</b>	Shora Kalera	Nkhota-kota	30	<b>Shora Kalera</b>
	Agness Kachiwala	Dowa	15	
<b>Resource Mobilisation Coordinator</b>	Charles Goliati	Dowa	27	<b>Charles Goliati</b>
	Laira Kadula	Dowa	15	
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Sajeni Kamanga	Nkhota-kota	21	<b>McLoud Mbewe</b>
	McLoud Mbewe	Dowa	23	

### 3. CWED

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>President</b>	Sophia Nthiko	LL Urban	07	<b>Pias Ng'omang'oma</b>
	Andrew Kagwale	Ntcheu	16	
	Pias Ng'omang'oma	LL Rural	25	
<b>Vice President</b>	Ramsy Stephano	Dedza	11	<b>Sophia Nthiko</b>
	Sophia Nthiko	LL Urban	23	
	Andrew Kagwale	Ntcheu	14	
<b>Secretary</b>	Alfred Chidiwa	LL Rural East	28	<b>Alfred Chidiwa</b>
	Rasmy Stephano	Dedza	13	
	Andrew Kagwale	Ntcheu	07	
<b>Vice Sec</b>	Ramsy Stephano	Dedza	33	<b>Ramsy Stephano</b>
	Hellen Kaluvi	LL Urban	15	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sinka Khombe	Mchinji	26	<b>Sinka Khombe</b>
	Ethel Jiya	Ntcheu	12	
	Loyce Kumtamula	LL Urban	10	

<b>Publicity Secretary</b>	Alfred Magwaza	Ntcheu	Unopposed	<b>Alfred Magwaza</b>
<b>Gender Coordinator</b>	Ethel Jiya	Ntcheu	16	<b>Loyce Kumtamula</b>
	Jessy Chisamile	LL Rural West	13	
	Loyce Kumtamula	Dedza	18	
<b>Resource Mobilisation Coordinator</b>	Dicton Kaunda	LL Rural East	11	<b>Arthur Jowati</b>
	Jessy Chisamile	LL Rural W	17	
	Arthur Jowati	Dedza	20	
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Robert Masina	LL Urban	22	<b>Dicton Kaunda</b>
	Innocent Kapolo	Ntcheu	14	
	Dicton Kaunda	LL Rural East	25	



FIGURE 2: STANDING IS THE NEW MASSHA-CWED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### 4. SEED

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>President</b>	Silk Kadwala	Zomba	16	<b>Silk Kadwala</b>
	Dr Augustine Mphondo	Mangochi	07	
	Ben Nantunga	Machinga	10	
<b>Vice President</b>	Madame Nyasulu	Mangochi	09	<b>Ben Nantunga</b>
	Ben Nantunga	Machinga	21	
	Mr Peter Bamusi	Mangochi	03	
<b>Secretary</b>	Peter Bamusi	Mangochi	20	<b>Peter Bamusi</b>
	Bridget Khando	Zomba	09	
	John Mizeki	Balaka	04	
<b>Vice Sec</b>	Bridget Khando	Zomba	17	<b>Bridget Khando</b>
	Nyarai Hamera	Machinga	07	
	Malumbo Nyasulu	Mangochi	09	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Grenice Chamgoma	Machinga	09	<b>Victoria Kwisongole</b>
	Albert Msekandiana	Zomba	03	
	Victoria Kwisongole	Zomba	21	
<b>Publicity Secretary</b>	Frank Nangwale	Balaka	Unopposed	<b>Frank Nangwale</b>
<b>Gender Coordinator</b>	Catherine Gunde	Balaka	Unopposed	<b>Madame Gunde</b>
<b>Resource Mobilisation Coordinator</b>	John Mizeki	Balaka	22	<b>John Mizeki</b>
	Steve Lingamawa	Balaka	11	
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Malumbo Nyasulu	Mangochi	Unopposed	Malumbo Nyasulu



## 5. SWED

Position	Nominees	District	Votes	Winner
<b>President</b>	Olaf Sanga	Blantyre (R)	13	<b>Olaf Sanga</b>
	Nixon Kaitano	Chikwawa	12	
	Feggie Mwale	Blantyre (R)	11	
<b>Vice President</b>	Lameck Kaonga	Blantyre (U)	09	<b>Nixon Kaitano</b>
	Nixon Kaitano	Chikwawa	15	
	Plaston Zingwangwa	Neno	11	
<b>Secretary</b>	Feggie Mwale	Blantyre (R)	21	<b>Feggie Mwale</b>
	Evalisto Chamasowa	Neno	09	
	Overton Chikuni	Nsanje	06	
<b>Vice Sec</b>	Patrick Kuluwemba	Blantyre (U)	10	<b>Francis Moses</b>
	Francis Molushu	Chikwawa	10	
	Francis Moses	Neno	16	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Evalisto Chamasowa	Neno	17	<b>Evalisto Chamasowa</b>
	Witness Mulekano	Chikwawa	13	
	Plaston Zingwangwa	Neno	06	
<b>Publicity Secretary</b>	Patrick Kuluwemba	Blantyre (U)	16	<b>Patrick Kuluwemba</b>
	Reuben Male	Nsanje	12	
	Catherine Sitima	Blantyre (U)	05	
<b>Gender Coordinator</b>	Cecilia Plaizi	Neno	11	<b>Bridget Hara</b>
	Bridget Hara	Chikwawa	19	
	Dorothy Palani	Neno	05	
<b>Resource Mobilisation Coordinator</b>	Overton Chikuni	Nsanje	Unopposed	<b>Overton Chikuni</b>
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Overton Chikuni	Nsanje	10	<b>Lameck Kaonga</b>
	Gift Mark	Chikwawa	08	
	Lameck Kaonga	Blantyre (U)	17	



FIGURE 3: DELEGATES TO THE ELECTION CONFERENCE IN SWED

## 6. SHED

Position	Nominees	District	Votes	Winner
<b>President</b>	Humphrey Mathewe	Chiradzulu	21	<b>Humphrey Mathewe</b>
	Herbert Nsasa	Thyolo	11	
<b>Vice President</b>	Donatta Musoro	Mulanje	21	<b>Donatta Musoro</b>
	Herbert Nsasa	Thyolo	06	
	Eva Kanjo	Phalombe	04	
<b>Secretary</b>	Eric Cassim	Mulanje	12	<b>Chapasi Kachama</b>
	Chapasi Kachama	Thyolo	20	
<b>Vice Sec</b>	Eric Cassim	Mulanje	10	<b>Janet Mpatsidwa</b>
	Janet Mpatsidwa	Thyolo	17	
	Alice Lungu	Mulanje	04	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Peter Manje	Mulanje	22	<b>Peter Manje</b>
	Wilfred Nyapwala	Mulanje	03	
	Wallace Goffati	Thyolo	04	
	Fraction Tambala	Phalombe	04	
	Eric Cassim	Mulanje	08	

<b>Publicity Secretary</b>	Lovemore Likupha	Phalombe	18	<b>Lovemore Likupha</b>
	Rashid Lawe	Chiradzulu	07	
<b>Gender Coordinator</b>	Eva Kanjo	Phalombe	15	<b>Eva Kanjo</b>
	Esther Chanunkha	Phalombe	05	
	Angella Nkhoma	Chiradzulu	13	
<b>Resource Mobilisation Coordinator</b>	Herbert Nsasa	Thyolo	06	<b>Casco Muonja</b>
	Huggins Makolija	Chiradzulu	04	
	Casco Muonja	Phalombe	16	
	Eric Cassim	Mulanje	07	
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Huggins Makolija	Chiradzulu	12	<b>Aleke Mtungama</b>
	Aleke Mtungama	Chiradzulu	16	
	Rashid Lawe	Chiradzulu	05	



FIGURE 4: NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR MASSHA-SHED

## Observations

The elections went on well and a critical analysis on the results shows that all districts in the divisions are fairly represented. One critical point worth mentioning is that in NED, Sr. Clementina Phiri declined to take up the post. As such Chitipa MASSHA, as the elected holder of the position was asked to provide another name to replace Sr. Phiri. Thus, the Committee provided the name of Rose Phiri as the new Gender Coordinator.

## Conclusion

Now that the elections at Division level have been done, the onus now rests squarely on the Division Executive Committee to go down to work and ensure that MASSHA is vibrant and working towards achieving its set objectives. Besides, the Constitution mandates the Divisional Executive Committee to organize and conduct elections in all education districts to ensure that MASSHA is institutionalized. It is thus expected that the elected officials will do the needful in all districts before the end of May.

These were also advised to come up with workplans to guide their operations and these to be shared with the NEC which is mandated to oversee the operations of the institution at national level.