

Nominations and Elections Committee Report

Douglas Hartmann, Out-Going Past President

Spring 2017

The nominations and elections committee met at the Annual 2017 Meeting in Milwaukee, WI. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair and MSS Past President Doug Hartmann. Attendees included (records may be incomplete): C. Corroto, T. Gladney, J. Jantzen, W. Lovecamp, J. Paul, L. Miller, H. Prechell, M. Snowden, and incoming committee chair Deb White.

The main order of business was to work on the election slate for officers and directors for Fall 2017 elections. There are five open positions to fill. These include: Illinois State Director; Minnesota State Director; two At-Large Director positions; and President-Elect.

With input from committee members and members of the current Board as well as records from previous committee research and discussions, the committee compiled a list of approximately a half dozen candidates for each of the directorships. These candidates were vetted as was possible and roughly ranked in terms of availability, previous service contributions to the Society, and potential for future contributions on the Board. The top three candidates were identified and a plan was put into place for various committee members to reach out to those individuals and determine their willingness and availability to stand for election (and serve if elected). Two committee members were on the list for potential nomination; they recused themselves from the discussion of their respective positions.

The committee also discussed extensively nominations for the position of President-Elect. The committee reviewed and discussed records pertaining to previous nominees (and suggested nominees) and their responses regarding the position of President-Elect. A short list was created for 2017 candidates and plans were made to contact potential nominees about their willingness and ability to serve, with Deb White taking the lead on this in her current role as Committee Chair and MSS Past President. It was also agreed that out-going committee chair Doug Hartmann would update the committee's list and records regarding President-Elect nominations and outreach, and pass on that information to the incoming committee chair (Deb White) and MSS Executive Director Jennifer Talarico to be used as background and reference in future election cycles.

The committee's work over the spring and early summer months will be to contact potential nominees and determine their availability and willingness to stand for election. The overall goal is to have a slate of candidates for all five of the positions for the Board to consider at its fall meeting.