

Nominating Committee Bimonthly Report October 17, 2016

On August 27 2016, PDG Gary Speers sent out an email stating his inability to act as chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee. As the PDG next-in-line, I immediately stepped up to the job.

With the assistance of 2015 chair Ann Lee Hussey and Governor Marge Barker and emails to all committee members, dates were vetted and selected, the necessary information was posted on the website, and an email transmitted to all members of the District within 10 days .

Because of a recent District Bylaws change, the 2016 Nominating Committee for the first time will be responsible for selecting the District Council on Legislation representative as well as District Governor and Finance Committee member. The CoL selection complicates matters - a strict reading of Rotary's bylaws suggested that applicants for the CoL position cannot take part in any Nominating process. However, Governor Marge spoke with representatives from RI. They made it clear that RI Bylaws would allow for any PDGs interested in applying for the CoL to participate in the interviews and deliberations for Governor and Finance Committee. Such applicants could not, of course participate in the CoL interviews/deliberations, and there would need to be a clear break between the two events in order to achieve complete transparency

In consequence, when the nomination deadline was reached on October 15, Carolyn Johnson, Lawrence Furbish and I have all recused ourselves from the CoL discussions. Since PDG Gary has stated he will also be unable to serve, this means that PDG Sheila Rollins, as the most senior Governor on the original committee, will serve as chair for that portion of the meeting to select the CoL representative. Moreover, as result of a discussion at the District Bylaws Committee, Governor Marge asked PDGs to volunteer to join the Nominating Committee to help determine the CoL representative. George Rice, Marie Williams and Jeff Pelkey have responded that they are willing to serve.

Thus, the plan is as follows: On Sunday, November 6, the Nominating Committee--augmented by the volunteer PDGs and under the leadership of acting chair Sheila Rollins--will meet at 4:00 p.m. at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland to select the CoL rep. The Committee will reconvene the following afternoon, Monday November 7 at 4:00 p.m. with its original members and under the leadership of acting chair Marty Helman to select the 2020 Governor and Finance Committee member.

Woodfords Congregational Church is located at 202 Woodford Street, Portland (Exit 6 off I-295, head west on Forest Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Helman, Acting Chair
2016 Nominating Committee