

Nominations Committee Report

Upon assuming the position of Chairman, I received materials from the former Chairman, Mary Lou LeCompte, which included the lists of those who had expressed interest in serving in various capacities in the organization. The lists were then sent to the other committee members, Joan Paul and Sandy Young, with a request for any additions they might care to make to the lists. The committee members were also asked to indicate which of these persons was acceptable or unacceptable for the positions indicated. Additions for the lists of potential nominees were also sought through a solicitation in the Newsletter. A few of these were received, and these names were added to the lists. In the next round the members of the committee were asked to rank order the lists, and from this process a consensus emerged on a slate of candidates. It was also agreed that Ron Smith would be renominated unopposed. This part of the process was completed by early October, 1978. Potential nominees were then notified by mail by the Chairman and after reacting to the rejections the slate of candidates was finally set. This part of the process was completed and the Secretary notified in early December, 1978.

In the future I would recommend that the nominating committee use the annual meeting as a place to solicit the nominees, as well as in the Newsletter announcing the annual meeting. This would insure an up-to-date list of potential nominees.

The ballots were mailed by the Secretary and the deadline for voting was April 1, 1979. There were 121 ballots cast and the results have been printed in the Newsletter. The close vote in several races indicates to me that there was an excellent slate of candidates. As far as I have been able to determine the election process proceeded smoothly although the following items should be mentioned:

- 1) The vote from Canada was very low and may indicate postal problems.
- 2) Some members received the ballots late, and in one case this was due to the fact that Bulk Rate Mail to Hawaii goes surface mail and the ballot did not reach there until April 25.
- 3) In the case of one married couple in the organization they received only one ballot for their two memberships.
- 4) It might be wise, given the closeness of the election in some races, to provide for the breaking of a tie vote in the constitution or by-laws of the organization.

In my view the whole process went well. There were some difficult moments in the nominations process but due to the prompt responses by members of the committee, crisis was avoided. I would like to publicly thank Joan Paul and Sandy Young for their assistance, and Mary Lou LeCompte for her suggestions. And to all of those nominated, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard C. Crepeau, Chairman