



WSWS Officer and Committee Report July 27, 2022

Office or Committee Name: Fellows and Honorary Members

Officer or Chairperson Name: Ed Peachey

Date of Preparation (include year): July 27, 2022

Activities during the year:

Two nominations were submitted in 2022 to the committee for Fellow Award (one for Public Sector and one for Private Sector). The committee recommended Richard Zollinger from the private sector and Andrew Kniss from the public sector for Board approval. One nomination for Honorary Member was submitted to the committee. The committee recommended Dr. Hugh Beckie for Board approval. Awards were presented at the 2022 meeting in Newport Beach.

Recommendations for Board Action:

1. The following recommendation was made 2 years ago, but the requested changes to the Operating Guide have not yet been made:

Revise the operating guide, items 2 and following (numbering needs to be changed accordingly), as follows to discourage submissions by current committee members (the proposed change is underlined): 2. Current members of the Fellows and Honorary Member Committee are discouraged from directly nominating candidates for these awards. The members may assist with recruiting nominations and with preparing the nomination packets but, if at all possible, should recruit another member to submit the nomination. If no one is willing to assist, the member may submit the nomination but should work with the committee chair and board representative to recruit a current Fellow to assist with the selection process in order to avoid a conflict of interest in the work of the committee. 3. “Accept submission of nominees for Fellows and Honorary Member. Packets of the nominees' biographical data and write-ups will remain in the active file for three (3) years even if the packets are not updated annually by the nominator. The committee must encourage nominators to update nominees' packets annually. Packets should be submitted by December 1.”

2. Clearly designate in the operating guide who will notify award recipients

There was confusion in 2022 regarding who should notify award winners and who should send out congratulatory letters. The WSWS president? Chair of the committee? This is not clearly spelled out in the Operating Guide. Recipients should be given enough notice so that family or friends have the opportunity to attend the award ceremony.

Budget Needs: None

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