WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Anaheim, CA

Office or Committee Name: Nominations
Officer or Chairperson Name: Ryan Rapp
Date of Preparation (include year): July 27, 2017

Committee Activities during the Year:

The committee has been busy soliciting candidates for WSWS officers President-elect, Secretary, Research Section and Education and Regulatory Section Chairs-elect. Traditionally the President-elect nominees are selected between private and public sectors in alternating years. This year, nominees were selected from the private sector. Several members were contacted from a very small pool of qualified private sector members. There are two nominees for each office for the ballot for voting by the membership of WSWS. The committee held a conference call July 24, 2017 to discuss nominations, recommendations for board action, and suggestions for the future.

Recommendations for Board Action:

The committee had discussion over the very small pool of candidates from the private sector for president-elect. While not mandatory, it has been the tradition of WSWS to rotate from private to public for president-elect. The pool seems to be shrinking and we thought it may be wise to consider adding government sector members to the pool of candidates with the private sector to strengthen/add available members who could be considered for running for president-elect during private sector years. Since it isn't required, and its only by tradition, "trying our very best" to find private sector candidates during said years may be an option, then seeking the best available candidates from WSWS membership, including the public sector.

The nominations committee respectively asks for the board to confirm the nominations for the 2018 ballad.

Budget Needs:

None

Suggestions for the Future:

The nominations committee continues to strive to increase diversity on the board. We would like to ask another question on the registration form for the annual meetings by adding to 'committees you would like to serve on'. The committee thinks it would be a good idea to identify members that are willing to run for any WSWS board officer by having them highlight a box next to the officer for which they would be interested in serving.

Current Committee Members:
Ryan Rapp, Chair (2019)
Steve Eskelson (2018)
Kai Umeda (2020)
Kirk Howatt, Immediate Past President

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