

International Nominations and Elections Committee report Region 1 Fall Forum 2011

Region 1 Leaders,

Background on the INEC - This committee is considered a Service Committee and thus provides input into key association management functions. The mission of this Committee is to originate, receive, prepare and recommend to the Board of Directors nominations for positions of International Officers on the International Executive Committee. In addition, the INEC is responsible for maintaining the Association's awards program. As your region representative it is my duty to solicit and encourage our members to apply for the many awards and become more involved in the Association at the international level.

Last year, Region 1 was exceedingly well represented in the awards nominations, and cast all of its eligible votes at the election. Region 1 had several finalists in almost every award category. Region 1 claimed the SARPA scholarship award winner with Sam Grombacker of Phoenix chapter 28 receiving the award and San Diego Chapter 11 receiving the newsletter of the year award. There is no reason we cannot repeat our strong showing again next year.

Elections

Next June in Seattle, Region 1 International Directors will be asked to vote at the Wednesday Board of Directors meeting. This is one of the most important duties as a chapter leader. Since there are often questions about the voting process, and as an early reminder, I have summarized the process below. Please note we will be going over this again at the Spring Forum. The most important thing to be mindful of at this time of year is the importance of selecting and registering your chapter International directors

Voter registration - By the spring forum, all chapters should have provided the name of their international Directors to the Region 1 chairs and International headquarters. If a chapter international Director cannot attend the annual conference, he/she must resign that duty and the chapter elects a replacement. BOD Credentials Certification Form must be submitted to International headquarters through the Region 1 chairs by May 1, 2012. At the region caucus I will have each international director sign in. The directors will then need to sign in again at the BOD meeting in order to receive their voting chip.

Participating in the process - As your IRWA Region 1 International Nominations and elections Committee representative, I will be contacting the International Executive Committee nominees to establish dialog on relevant IRWA issues that are important to our region. I'm asking you to take a

minute and provide me your thoughts on pressing issues that will need to be addressed by these potential future leaders of our organization. I would like input from a wide range of perspectives to ensure our region is best served. If you prefer to discuss over the phone, please contact me at 916-732-5016. I will need this input prior to the INEC committee meeting which will take place March 31, 2012.

Awards

Our new awards and the applications for them will be rolled out in the November/December issue of the Right of Way Magazine when our Committee is to be highlighted in an article. We will also have an email blast at that time.

We will be asking that all applications be submitted electronically - no more mailing in reams of paper.

The new awards are;

- Website of the year for large and small Chapters (over 100 members and under 100)
- a Government Agency category for employer of year (a single award)
- a Facilitator of the Year Award.

The deadline for submitting nominations shall be on or before the first business day in **February!!!** Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

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