

Immediate Past President Report

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As Immediate Past President, my primary responsibility was chairing the nominating committee; this is the first time the Immediate Past President has held this post, pursuant to the amendment to the Constitution passed in 2003.

The committee met during the 2004 convention in Tampa and agreed on a time-line for developing nominations. It was determined that the offices to be elected in 2005 were vice-president elect and community college representative to the NCA Legislative Assembly.

There was some confusion as to whether we needed to elect a representative to the NCA nominating committee, but since we had a representative-elect and it is a two-year term, the officers determined that an election for that post should be held next year.

It was agreed that we should solicit nominations from the membership through email and a posting in CRTNET as well as on the SSCA website. After some discussion, candidates chosen for VP-elect were Craig Allen Smith of North Carolina State University and David Cratis Williams of Florida Atlantic University. Candidates for Legislative Assembly were Claire Procopio of Baton Rouge Community College and Deborah Hefferin of Broward Community College.

Problems with the nominating committee persist, primarily because it is difficult to get the divisions to identify a representative to the committee and/or to find out who that representative is. Any perusal of the division officers on the website will reveal a substantial number of divisions with no nominating committee representative listed. Therefore we operated this year with an incomplete committee. Nevertheless, the nominating committee did an excellent job of identifying potential candidates and selecting a slate for each position.

Recommendations:

- Some thought needs to be given to how participation in the nominating committee can be improved. We must find a way to get divisions to choose someone to represent them on the committee and that person needs to be identified to the Immediate Past President as chair of the nominating committee. Emmett Winn's idea to have the Immediate Past Chair of each division serve on the nominating committee is one possible solution.
- A regular call for nominations needs to be issued in September via email, the website, and CRTNET.
- A rotation sequence needs to be articulated in writing by year for positions like NCA Legislative Assembly representative and NCA Nominating committee representative.
- A mini IPP notebook should be created to assist the Immediate Past President in chairing the nominating committee. Useful information would include a suggested time-line, sample call, and the rotation sequence for positions such as NCA Legislative Assembly representative and NCA nominating committee representative. To that end, I have begun such a notebook for Terry to use.