

Request by Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines for Area Input

The Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines has reviewed the Area 50 Guidelines and Guidelines from Areas 03, 30, 49 and 55. The committee has exchanged emails and compiled a list of comments from each of the Committee members. In addition, the Committee has begun working on a draft document, entitled Area 50 Handbook which it will present to the Area for its consideration upon completion. The purpose of the Handbook is to replace the existing Area 50 Guidelines. The Handbook will contain pertinent information for new members in General Service. It will be a handy reference tool for all members. The target completion date for distribution for the Districts to review is spring 2020. The Ad Hoc Committee is also considering compilation of Handbooks for the standing committees and the officers which will supplement the Service Manual and set out the duties and responsibilities of each of the Committees. the Area Officers, the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate.

The committee met on November 2 and had a very productive work session. Some questions arose as to the manner of filling the following positions:

Archivist – currently appointed by Area Delegate Elect for a 2-year term, subject to reappoint at the discretion of the next Area 50 Delegate Elect. There does not appear to be any limit on the number of times the Archivist can be reappointed.

Registrar – currently appointed by Area Delegate Elect following the bi-annual elections, subject to reappointment at the discretion of the next Area Delegate Elect. While unsupported by any specific provisions in the Guidelines, recently, the Registrar has served two consecutive two-year terms and then rotated out of the position.

Web Chair – currently appointed by the Area Chair Elect for a two-year term. The Web Chair can be reappointed at the discretion of the next Area Chair Elect. There does not appear to be a limit on the number of terms the Area Web Chair can serve.

Inter-Group Liaison – this a new position created in Panel 68. The Inter-Group liaison is appointed by the Area Chair Elect for a two-year term. Currently, there is no limit on the number of terms the Inter-Group Liaison can serve.

The Ad Hoc Committee has compiled a list of 8 questions that it would like to receive input from the Districts and Groups. The questions are set out on the back page of this report. We are asking all DCMs to review the questions with the groups in their Districts and respond to the Committee as soon as they can. Recognizing that the holiday season is approaching, we ask for responses no later than January 10, 2020.

We ask that the DCMs poll the groups in their respective Districts and email the results to:

P70secretary@area50wny.org and beinhauersusan@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Beinhauer

Chair, Area 50 Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines

QUESTIONS FOR DISTRICTS TO ASK THEIR GROUPS

1. Should the Archivist be appointed or stand for election at the biannual election?
2. Should the Registrar be appointed or stand for election at the biannual election?
3. Should the Web Chair be appointed or stand for election at the biannual election?
4. Should the Inter-Group Liason be appointed or stand for election at the biannual election?
5. Should the Archivist rotate after one term?
If not, should there be a limit on the number of terms the Archivist can serve?
6. Should the Registrar rotate after one term?
If not, should there be a limit on the number of terms the Registrar can serve?
7. Should the Web Chair rotate after one term?
If not, should there be a limit on the number of terms the Web Chair can serve?
8. Should the Inter-Group Liason rotate after one term?
If not, should there be a limit on the number of terms the Inter-Group Liason can serve?