



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann

UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Convention 2023 is the time to change the leadership. I will be finished my term. We need to elect a new President Elect. It is the duty of the Past President to put forward nominations for President-Elect. Cathleen Thurston is asking for input from the membership.



Call for Nominations!

According to the policies of AWI I have the honour of being the Nominations Chair for the upcoming election of President Elect in 2023. Yippee!!

All sarcasm aside, this is an important position and as I have learned through my tenure in various offices in Women's Institutes the best way to complete a large job is to cut it into smaller portions and to delegate (not procrastinate as I am inclined to do!).

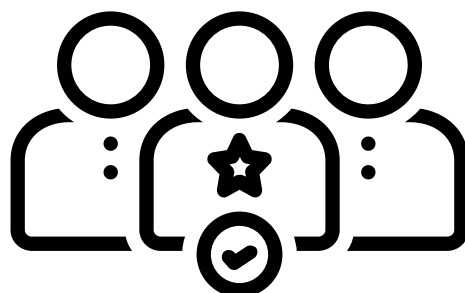
And I am going to delegate by asking you (yes, YOU!) to keep an eye and ear out for someone you know who is either interested in taking on this position or who you think would make a good President Elect for AWI. If you know of a member who fits either of these two criteria please pass their name (and contact information, if you have it) on to me.

I think it would be very beneficial to us and to our organization if we could have a slate of candidates to choose from at the next Annual General Meeting.

Again, please pass any potential nominees on to me at: rigby9@canadasurfs.net or 780-892-2252

Submitted by:
Cathleen Thurston

Nominations Chair, AWI Past Provincial President



UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT - CONT'D

I know we had a motion brought forward from the District 5 meeting that the position of President as well as President-Elect should be voted upon. I do remember having a vote a few years ago when there was only one name on the ballot and there had to be over 50% in favour.

The Home and Country publication has hit a lot of snags. The reports have all been done but our past editor did the last one even after her resignation and at great tax to her health. The new volunteer editor, bought a house in May and in the moving her computer was lost, found and died. I ordered a new one for her from Computers for Schools which should have been here in 8 to 10 weeks. The order was lost. I have ordered again but it will take time. So we hope that an issue can be put together on the office computer and get out to the membership. It may not look the same, but it will be coming.

The survey of the members about changing the financial year end to be closer to the AGM told us to move the year end to March 31 and keep the Convention in June. It will be done. Thank you for the input.

Our Financial Officer, Linda Mason has done up our year end to Aug 31 2022. It now has to be audited. Linda has also submitted her resignation. She has held this position for almost 3 years. She is also the Financial Officer for FWIC as well as the Alberta Representative to FWIC and the District 5 Director. We are seeking a new Financial Officer.

Now that District 2 has Ina Webster as a director, the Provincial Council is returning the funds held in trust. It is nice to have Ina's input at the Council meeting.

District Directors have the responsibility to pass on information to the Constituency Convenors or in their absence to the Branches. The Branches of course will inform their members. There are several communications that can be sent out by email if Bernadette has your email on file.

I have sent in my registration for the ACWW Conference in May.

Branch Secretaries remember to send your report to President- Elect Linda Toews email lindat4awi@gmail.com or 34548 Range Rd 25, Red Deer County T4G 0K5. and your District Director or Constituency Convenor. Education Convenors or whoever gives an educational report to the appropriate Council member International Affairs, DD1 Wendy Pimm, Health, DD3 Yvonne Erickson, Agriculture DD4 Colleen Bianchi, "I never go to an AWI event that I don't learn something", a friend of mine said and it is so true.

Enjoy this lovely fall weather.

Blessings to all

Diane