

April 13, 2021

TO: Mayors  
City Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Don Britain, Kennewick  
Chair, 2021 AWC Nominating Committee and AWC Past President

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of actions taken to date by the 2021 AWC Nominating Committee.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to compile a list of officer and director candidates for the AWC Board of Directors and to present the slate of candidates to the AWC general membership at the Business Meeting in June.

## 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – 2

The AWC Nominating Committee set the deadline of March 28, 2021 for applications from elected officials from Washington cities and towns interested in serving on the AWC Board of Directors.

During the April 13, 2021 meeting, the Committee reviewed the interview process and application materials submitted by candidates for the open officer and director positions on the AWC Board of Directors. The Committee is forwarding candidates as follows:

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| President                        | Kent Keel, Councilmember, University Place                      |
| Vice President                   | Candace Mumm, Councilmember, Spokane                            |
| District 1                       | Micki Harnois, Councilmember, Rockford, <i>incumbent</i>        |
| District 3                       | Cindy Gagne, Mayor, Omak, <i>incumbent</i>                      |
|                                  | Robert Goedde, Mayor, Chelan                                    |
| District 5                       | Ron Onslow, Councilmember, Ridgefield, <i>incumbent</i>         |
| District 7                       | Wendy Weiker, Deputy Mayor, Mercer Island, <i>incumbent</i>     |
| District 13                      | Kathy Hougardy, Councilmember, Tukwila, <i>incumbent</i>        |
| At-Large #1 (Western >5,000 pop) | Amy Ockerlander, Mayor, Duvall, <i>incumbent</i>                |
| At-Large #3 (Eastern >5,000 pop) | Linda Thompson, Councilmember, Spokane Valley, <i>incumbent</i> |

For the positions of President and Vice President, the AWC Bylaws provide that the AWC Board forward the names of the current Vice President and Secretary to the Nominating Committee for

nomination to the positions of President and Vice President, respectively. These individuals are then elected at the Business Meeting, with no additional nominations from the floor.

Additionally, the legislative body for Spokane (District 9) and Seattle (District 11 – two positions) will appoint their director(s) to the respective single-city districts. These appointments will be announced to the membership at the Business Meeting.

To be eligible to serve on the AWC Board of Directors in a multi-city or at-large district an elected official must meet the following criteria: 1) Serve as an elected official from a member city or town located within an AWC Board District with an ending term in 2021; 2) Hold elective office in a city or town within the state for a minimum of one year; and 3) Meet the requirements for the Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) by the time of the Nominating Committee's June 22 meeting.

With the exception of the offices of President, Vice President, and single city districts, the AWC Nominating Committee will forward at least two candidates for each position when the committee finds two candidates seeking such a position to be well qualified, willing, and able to perform the duties.

In the case where more than two qualified candidates are running for a particular board position, the candidates may be asked if they are willing to move to a different position on the ballot for which they qualify.

The AWC Nominating Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, June 22, beginning at 9 am to interview the candidates for open positions.

Individuals not applying for the AWC Board through the nominating process or not advanced to the ballot may run for a multi-city or at-large position directly from the floor during the Business Meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

### **AWC BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE**

On March 17, 2021 AWC announced to its membership that the 2021 Annual Conference and Business Meeting will be hosted online. This decision was made due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of large gatherings.

The Business Meeting will proceed in an online format that will allow voting delegates to engage and vote on AWC officers, directors, and policy documents. The Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 10 am to 11:30 am.

As directed by the AWC Nominating Committee, AWC staff will produce and distribute a summary of the Board of Director candidates, similar to a "voter's pamphlet." The pamphlet will be available on the AWC website and distributed to the voting delegates via email and to all members via the *CityVoice* newsletter. AWC does not endorse any candidate and is simply providing delegates with background information on each candidate.

Candidates receive campaign guidelines when notified of the interview schedule. Candidates are advised to employ the highest of campaign standards. A campaign shall be based upon the candidates' professional qualifications to serve as a Board member and shall avoid disparaging comments, aspersions, personal denigration, or personal attacks on other candidates.

Every candidate on the ballot will have the opportunity to present a two-minute live video speech before the general membership during the online Business Meeting. Delegates will vote on the open director positions during the Business Meeting scheduled for 10 am on Thursday, June 24, 2021. The meeting will be held remotely and made available to the general membership as an online meeting.

#### 2021 AWC BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2021 Board Nominating Committee consists of the following nine members appointed by AWC President Soo Ing-Moody.

| Name          | Title              | City          | AWC Board District |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Don Britain   | Mayor (Chair)      | Kennewick     | 2                  |
| Glenn Johnson | Mayor (Vice Chair) | Pullman       | 2                  |
| David Baker   | Mayor (Secretary)  | Kenmore       | 7                  |
| Jon Culp      | Mayor              | Okanogan      | 3                  |
| Amy Howard    | Councilmember      | Port Townsend | 12                 |
| Pat Johnson   | Mayor              | Buckley       | 6                  |
| Joshua Penner | Mayor              | Orting        | 6                  |
| Dee Roberts   | Councilmember      | Raymond       | 12                 |
| Janice Zahn   | Councilmember      | Bellevue      | 7                  |

Attest:



Secretary

4/13/2021

Date