

## NOMINATING \ SLATE COMMITTEE RESULTS 2017

To: The 2017 WVARA Board of Directors:

From: The 2017 Nominating Committee:

Our situation was made a bit more complicated this year in that we needed to find both a president *and* a vice president. Add to that the simple fact that the Club, as a group, is aging more than we would like to admit. Therefore, qualified, capable willing, candidates are becoming harder to find.

Nevertheless, we feel that we are exceptionally honored that the following persons, upon election, have agreed to serve as the 2018 WVARA officers.

**PRESIDENT:** Joe Cloutier, KC9JAC  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Steve Farrington, K9TA  
**SECRETARY:** Owen Leroy Sedgwick Jr., AC9NF  
**TREASURER:** Ray Andrews, K9DUR  
**TRUSTEE:** Gary Adams, W9EEU

The addition of the two following automatic members, thus comprises the entire WVARA Board for 2018.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRES:** Kevin Berlen, K9HX  
**PAST PRESIDENT:** Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC

Experience with this year's search has lead me to draw a few conclusions.

1. We should avoid, at all costs, the temptation to pressure previous presidents to serve more than two 1-year terms. (It was good enough for George Washington...)

That we felt we had to call upon Kevin yet again this year signals a weakness we need to actively address. (In the past, he has served two non-consecutive two-year terms plus this year's term.)

2. Despite the extraordinary efforts of Dan Hunter and Dick Wood, if we expect to easily have a source of new members from either the high school club or the Rose-Hulman club, we must remember that many of the most qualified among these potential members will be leaving this area upon graduation – many forever.

3. We need activities that will attract younger folk and potential leaders. Joe has voiced this concern as well.

4. Accordingly, I suggest that we need a standing Nominating Committee to be working the year round to cultivate new vice-presidential candidates, rather than waiting until just one month before the decision deadline looms.

If, early in the preceding year, a non-binding 'Future Vice-President-To-Be' would agree in principle to run for vice president either the following year, or two years hence (if the current president decides to run for a second term), we might advance toward solving this perennial problem and, at the same time, discover a person with the incentive to have more than just a passing interest in finding new leadership and promoting Club activities.

Committee membership should be limited only by one's interest in solving this problem. All current and past Board members should be welcome as well.

– Gary Wheeler, K9ERE

2017 Nominating Committee Chair