

2008 USAWOA Election Nomination Report

CW5 (Ret) Frank Meeks, Chairman

As the Immediate Past National President, it has been an honor for me to serve again this year as the 2008 USAWOA Nominations Committee Chairman.

The USAWOA Bylaws require that the Nominations Committee, in conjunction with National Headquarters, begin soliciting nominations and declarations of candidacy for elective office on the National ballot from all sources approximately eight (8) months prior to the USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members. The goal of the Nominations Committee is to be able to place at least two (2) or more candidates for each elective office on the National ballot.

The Nominations Committee's first action was to assist the EXCOM in designing the nomination form/declaration of candidacy statement and establishing a cutoff date to accept nominations and declarations. This year, the cutoff date for the nomination for the election of the National Officers was July 1, 2008.

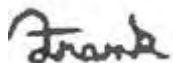
The first article on the 2008 Election Nominations of the USAWOA BOD was published in the January 2008 NEWSLINER. The USAWOA web site started hosting the same article in the middle of January 2008. On January 28, 2008, I sent out 26 emails to targeted USAWOA members asking them to consider running for one of the elective offices.

The closing date for nominations was printed as part of the nomination form/declaration of candidacy statement in the NEWSLINER and was emphasized in all correspondence to prospective candidates by the Nominations Committee and the National Headquarters staff. At the close of business on the published closing date, nominations and/or declarations of candidacy were closed. Exceptions were any nominations/declarations that were postmarked on or before the closing date. To be considered valid, the nominations had to include written verification of the nominees' desire to hold office and their resumes and photographs. Within one week following the closing date, the Nominations Committee submitted the final list of candidates for the ballot to the EXCOM.

Based on the guidance in the USAWOA Manual 500-4, at least sixty (60) days prior to the 36th USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members, the final list of candidates were published in the August 2008 NEWSLINER and the official proxy/ballot forms (USAWOA 500-9 and 500-10) printed. All official ballot forms must be received at the USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members location prior to the start of the first business day of the Meeting. This year the proxies and ballots were included as a tear-out page inside of the front page of the August 2008 NEWSLINER.

The results of the election of the USAWOA BOD for the next year will be announced before the close of the 2008 AMM business meeting.

To the Corps,



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