

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE DECEMBER 2020 REPORT
WSO TELECON JANUARY 9, 2021**

Pass the Word

We ask that EVERYONE accept the challenge to find those in the fellowship who would make good Trustees – encourage/challenge them to apply!!!!!! Do your part to make our Board of Trustees more representative of the full spectrum of our membership.

We encourage all interested qualified members to apply for a position on the WSO Board of Trustees. We are especially interested in qualified applicants who will help the Board better reflect the whole fellowship.

Applications will be accepted through this coming Friday, 15 January.

As reported last month, we have interviewed three applicants for at-large Trustee positions and one applicant for the Northeast Region Trustee position. Additionally, we have interviewed 22 references. At this time, we are reviewing the interview results to determine if more interviews are prudent.

There was some delay in the distribution of our requested special edition of the Traveler to get the word to as many members of the fellowship as possible. We anticipate that this will occur before the WSO Telecon. We have coordinated with Global, starting a long-term plan to appeal to and encourage members outside North America and Europe to aspire to future participation on the Board.

We have observed that there is a communications gap that begs to be filled:

- Posting information on the two websites is a sub-optimal way of getting information out to the Fellowship, since most members do not regularly check the web site for changes (overwhelming?) and there is no RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed or other method for informing subscribers of web site updates.
- The Traveler format is 3 sentences of 40 words or less with a link to more information. This works well for announcements such as, “[this committee] is having a meeting – here is the link to more information,” or “[Click this] for information on an upcoming [topic] workshop.” As with the 7th Tradition appeals, there are critical announcements for which insufficient information can be given in that format to attract the reader to the given link. We suggest there be a process that allows/adjudicates other critical messages of the length of those for the 7th Tradition.

The Nominating Committee is committed to:

1. Nominate 4-5 new Board members prior to the 2021 ABC: this is to restore the number of Trustees as well as fill one or two new positions
2. Submit nominations that better represent the breadth of our membership

See <https://acawso.org/category/nominating-committee/> for application guidelines, forms and process information.

Application due date extended to 15 January 2021