

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



January 2014

Candidate Update

If you are a member of FSC, you'll have an opportunity to nominate candidates for the Board right up until voting begins at the Annual Meeting. Needless to say, it's preferable to nominate sooner rather than later so everyone has time to think over their choices.

Here are the candidates so far:

Vice-President

Russ Q.

Rob M.

Treasurer

Casey T.

Secretary

Diana Z.

Director-at-Large

Diana Z.

Bridget B.

Harold S.

Casey T.

Fritz M.

Matt K.

All candidates must have been a member in good standing of FSC for at least a year. They may run for as many positions as they like. Voting begins at the top (this year with the vice-president) and as soon as a candidate is elected his or her name will be removed from the rest of the slate.

Safety First

Thanks to a note in the Suggestion Box (in the lobby), FSC now has what we should have had all along -- bright red EXIT signs (nine new, some refurbished) in case of fire and designated tornado shelters with signs directing you to them. There are three tornado shelters: both restrooms and the basement under the Grand Ballroom.

If you aren't familiar with the basement shelter, check it out -- before you need it!

Proposed Bylaws Get Proposed Amendments

As the Board hoped, FSCers have been looking over the proposed revised FSC Bylaws and have submitted suggestions to improve them. The Board reviewed all the suggestions submitted and voted for those they thought were consistent with the aims of the Bylaws.

The Board recommends that at the Annual Meeting you accept this package of amendments.

The proposed amendments have been added to the display of the proposed revised Bylaws posted between Rooms B and C. They're easy to find -- printed on tan paper.

Position of Treasurer Added to Slate

On Sunday, February 16, FSC members will converge on the Annual Meeting, where, among other responsibilities, they will vote to fill open positions on the Board. At this point every position except president is open! There are a number of reasons why.

The position of treasurer has just just opened because our present treasurer, Bill K., has a new job that will keep him from attending Board meetings.

The position of secretary is open because Linda M.'s term is up.

Two of the three director-at-large positions are open. One is because Mike B.'s term is up. The other is because the only people so far nominated for vice-president are both currently directors-at-large. One of them will be moving on, making two vacancies for director-at-large.

(The position of president of the Board will automatically be filled by our present vice-president, Mary F. If the proposed revised Bylaws are accepted at the Annual Meeting, this will be the last year that the president is not elected directly by the membership.)

Survey Has Two Purposes

By now all FSC members should have received a survey from the Board (by either email or snail mail) asking how you would like our back yard used (and a couple of other questions as well).

The purpose of the survey is twofold. One is to guide the Board in its efforts to make our yard more useful and appealing. The other purpose is perhaps even more important. The survey is a first step in the Board's goal of improving communication with FSC membership.

The Board wants to hear from the members! You could start by letting them know what you think of the idea.

Board Meeting Back to Tuesdays

Contrary to the notice that appeared here last month, the FSC Board of Directors will *not* meet on a Monday. For the *February meeting only* the Board will meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Check for notices again after February 16, when the new Board, with new schedule conflicts, will be in place.

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