



We have been telling you about our plans for the programming for our convention. But also of importance is the purpose of our convention and that is to conduct the business. Because we as an organization are separately incorporated from the church and therefore we have a separate constitution, we have officers and board members to elect and we can act on resolutions.

In this issue again, are forms with which to nominate someone or yourself to serve on our board. Terms are two years. You may serve two terms in any one position. You cannot serve more than seven years if you serve in more than one position. This past year we have not had a full board – we have been short three members. The existing five board members either have one more year on their present term or are eligible to serve one more two year term. So we are at least looking for three more willing to serve for the next two years. While there will be a nominating team, it will make their job so much easier if several of you will nominate someone you know or nominate yourself! Geographically, we may be a bit smaller (other than the distance to HI) than some synods, but we clearly don't know everyone so having names given to us via the form that can be found for printing on www.pacificwomen.org and under downloads would be so very helpful!!

We elect two officers every other year. This year we will elect a president and a secretary. Our treasurer and vice president each have another year left on their first two year term. We do need to elect a new secretary. Viola's term is up plus she has served the maximum time of seven years. Please let us know if you have the skills and are willing to serve. We have recently purchased a lap top for the secretary to use.

As your president I am eligible to be re-elected but we use the nominating ballot for president (and also for vice president). That means that on the first ballot all voting members write down the name of someone they feel would serve well and they don't have to have that person's permission. After that first ballot, the nominees will be asked if they are willing to serve. Only those willing to serve will be on the next ballot. So be thinking and praying about that position – but you do not need to fill out a form ahead of time.

This year we will also elect voting members for the triennial convention which will be held in Phoenix in July of 2020. It seems early, but time passes swiftly! And because our convention is in November, if we wait til 2019, our elected voting members will not be available for convention committees the executive board will be selecting at their October 2019 meeting. A form must be submitted, but this form must come from a congregational unit and is on our web site. We are allowed only two voting members plus the president in office at the time of the triennial convention is automatically our third voting member. We must have one voting member who has not previously served and we must have one whose primary language is other than English or who is a woman of color. If one woman is both a first time voting member and is a woman of color or whose primary language is other than English, then we can include a woman who has previously served as a voting member. Our churchwide organization pays travel and hotel and meals for the convention. If a voting member stays for the gathering portion, she must pay the registration fee and hotel and meals but will have return travel paid.

I am pleased to report that Jeanne Sandvig will serve as our nominations chair this year. So the forms indicated above and found in PDF form on our web site have been updated with her information. She will appreciate all nominee ideas and volunteers!

While our synod has not been known for adopting or acting on resolutions, that can always change! Joanne McGavran who serves as our parliamentarian, has again submitted information about why and how to submit a resolution. Find it under downloads on our web site www.pacificawomen.org.

As mentioned in the last edition of this newsletter, we will conduct business Friday afternoon and evening. We are hoping this will provide a time business can be conducted in a continuous manner rather than being broken up into two-three times between other programming. It is a format that was adopted by our churchwide triennial several triennials ago and which seems to be working better than the format used previously. Besides an opening devotional after dinner on Friday, there will be a service project and we are also looking at a viewing of a documentary (more on that next month after our planning team has met again) produced by funds from Katie's Fund. So those who are not voting members still have reasons to attend on Friday besides sitting in on the business sessions.



And speaking of the opening devotional, I don't believe we have yet mentioned that Pastor Dianne Finnecey will be leading our opening time of prayer and music as well as our closing worship. She is the pastor at Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church in Big Bear. See her bio in this issue. We look forward to meeting her and hearing from her – in English and in Spanish!

Anew in Christ!
President Eunice Hanson