

**Road Runners Club of America
Board of Directors Election Notice for 2008**

The Nominating Committee of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) is advising membership that the following officer and director positions are up for election in 2008:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Eastern Director
Central Director

Elections for these positions will be held at the RRCA Annual Business Meeting scheduled for May 2, 2008 in Cincinnati, OH.

Terms of Office

The RRCA bylaws provide for splitting the officers and directors into two groups: Group I (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Eastern Regional Director, and Central Regional Director) took office in June 2006. Group II (Southern Regional Director, Western Regional Director and 2 At-Large Directors) took office in April 2007. Therefore, Group I is up for election at this time and will serve from June 1, 2008 through approximately April 2010.

Nominating Procedure

Details about officer and director nominations are covered in the RRCA bylaws posted online. Candidates may nominate themselves or a third party may nominate them as long as an indication from the nominee of a willingness to serve accompanies the nomination. Candidates must state the position for which they are running and provide a written statement to that effect. Candidates must provide an outline of appropriate qualifications.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for nomination as an officer or director of the RRCA, a nominee must have been a member of the RRCA for at least six months immediately preceding nomination. In addition, a prospective nominee shall: (a) support the mission, vision, and values of the RRCA**;

(b) demonstrate a commitment to distance running through prior service to the sport or demonstrated expertise in one or more areas of need; (c) be able to focus with a broad, long range scope on a multitude of issues and not just single issues or events or short term solutions; (d) be able to participate assertively in deliberation with respect and tolerance for divergent opinions and ideas; (e) be willing to share power and delegate tasks; and (f) understand the role and responsibilities of RRCA Board Members***.

Additionally, Regional Directors must be from the region for which they are running.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee, appointed by President McLeod, will review all nominations and may review other candidates as allowed in the bylaws. A report from the nominating committee to the members will be prepared and posted with the notice of the annual business meeting in accordance with the bylaws. The names and qualifications of eligible nominees can be submitted by RRCA club or event members or individual RRCA

members, and may include eligible incumbents. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2008.

Nominating Committee members include: Gar Williams, Chair, Mel Williams, Phil Stewart, Michael Hughes, and John Farrow

Send 5 copies of a nomination to:

Gar Williams
RRCA Nominating Committee Chair
41510 Powell Lane
Lebanon, OR 97355

Or email one copy to cellofello63@gmail.com

Faxed copies will not be accepted.

Please, DO NOT send nominations to the RRCA National Office.

Additional Information

Following the report of the Nominating Committee at the Business Meeting, nominations of qualified individuals can be proposed from the floor provided the nominee's written consent has been obtained or the nominee is present to offer consent at the meeting.

Election

Each position shall be voted on separately by eligible delegates (or their proxies) at the Annual Business Meeting and will be filled by the candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast.

Nomination Form

All nominations must be postmarked or received via email by February 15, 2008. Please print or type the nomination information.

For the Nominee:

Name:
Position nominated for:
Address:
Telephone (day):
Telephone (night):
Email address:

For the Nominator:

Name:
Address:
Telephone (day):
Telephone (night):
Email address:
Signature (If mailing a hard copy):

Additional information to be attached separately:

(1) A brief statement of up to 250 words supporting your nomination. Address the specific qualifications that support this candidate such as specific abilities in

communication, marketing, fund raising, volunteerism or organizational/managerial skills appropriate to the Board of Directors' position as well as how your nominee fulfills the "Eligibility Requirements" outlined above that have been established by the RRCA Board of Directors.

(2) Written acceptance of the nomination that is signed by the nominee.

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The Nominating Committee will send confirmation of receipt of all nomination materials in writing to the nominator (individual submitting the nomination) and to the nominee.

****RRCA MISSION, VISION & VALUES**

Mission:

The Road Runners Club of America is the national association of running clubs, running events, and runners dedicated to promoting long distance running as a competitive sport and as healthful exercise. RRCA's mission is to represent and promote the common interest of its member clubs, events, and individual runners through education, leadership, programs and other services.

Vision:

The Road Runners Club of America is the premier national organization dedicated to promoting the development and growth of running clubs, running events, and supporting the interests of recreational runners throughout the country including those that walk because they are unable to run. The RRCA strives to provide quality programming that can be replicated throughout the country by member clubs from small towns to large cities that promote and support running, runners, and supporters of the sport at all stages in life. The RRCA is dedicated to providing the running community with educational information and programs that will keep them safe, healthy, and informed. Furthermore, the RRCA strives to promote excellence in nonprofit management for the National Office as well as member clubs by providing services, benefits, and regular communication that support this vision.

Values:

The RRCA values:

- Running, runners, and the promotion of running as a healthy lifestyle choice
- Strength and support of its network of grassroots members and volunteers, and as such, we strive to maintain positive relations with all of our members
- Diversity in its member clubs and encourages all clubs to maintain an enjoyable atmosphere for all members
- Promotion of safety for all runners and the enforcement and development of laws and infrastructure that protects runners' safety

- Participation of people who support the sport of running but are unable to run due to various circumstances
- Financial contributions and support of members, sponsors, volunteers, and donors to the organization
- Good communication with its members and the running community as a whole
- Prudent financial management that enables the organization to achieve its mission while ensuring adequate cash reserves
- Strong relationships with national and local media that cover the sport of running and running as a healthy lifestyle choice

*** Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards

1. Promote and further the mission and purpose of the organization.
2. Enhance the organization's public standing. The Board should clearly articulate the organization's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community.
3. Ensure adequate resources. One of the Board's foremost responsibilities is to provide adequate resources for the organization to fulfill its mission.
4. Provide proper financial oversight. The Board must review and approve the annual budget and ensure that proper financial controls are in place.
5. Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability. The Board is ultimately responsible for ensuring adherence to legal standards and ethical norms.
6. Ensure effective organizational planning. The Board must actively participate in an overall planning process and monitor the plan's goals.
7. Recruit and orient new Board Members and assess Board performance. The Board has a responsibility to articulate prerequisites for candidates, orient new members, and periodically and comprehensively evaluate its own performance.
8. Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services. The Board's responsibility is to determine which programs are consistent with the organization's mission and to monitor their effectiveness.
9. Support the chief executive and assess performance. The Board should ensure that the chief executive has the moral and professional support needed to further the goals of the organization.
10. Create a teamwork environment between the Board, the executive director, staff, volunteers, and the membership.