

LCWR Governance Committee Report to Regions, Spring 2020

Subject: Update on Nominations & Elections

The 2020 nomination process saw a significantly higher rate of participation than the previous year, along with a significantly larger number of nominees. In 2020, 23% of our membership participated in the process, compared with 11% in 2019.

In 2020, there were 41 nominees for president-elect and 84 for the board, compared with 2019, when there were 26 nominees for president-elect and 49 for the board.

In 2019, two nominees agreed to remain in the process for president-elect and five for the board. We have yet to see how many will remain in 2020.

Changes introduced in the 2020 nomination process included:

- Surfacing the names of potential nominees at the fall region meetings and asking region chairs to send those names to their members prior to the start of the nomination period.
- Providing Sisters with a list of eligible members.
- Designating a longer nomination period beginning in December rather than January.

At the February meeting of the National Board, the board agreed to hold the election of board members via Survey Monkey prior to the National Assembly and, as in previous years, to hold the election of the president-elect at the Assembly.

Nominees have from February 15 to March 31 to discern whether to remain in the process. The discernment period includes opportunities for the nominees to meet via Zoom with members of the board and presidency to learn about their experiences and to ask questions.

At the end of May, information about each nominee along with a video interview will be posted on the LCWR website. If there are more than eight nominees for the three board openings or more than three nominees for president-elect, runoff elections will take place by July 1.

Thanks to all who participated in the nomination process – and please pray for the nominees who are discerning the call to leadership in LCWR.

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