

Preparing for the Annual Business Meeting

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For consideration by the membership at the 2014 St. David's Society Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 21, following a 11 a.m. potluck picnic at Falcon Heights Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. in Falcon Heights.

At the May 13, 2014, meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. David's Society of Minnesota, the membership regretfully accepted the resignation of Society Vice-President Bill Kimes.

It was decided to submit to the Society in writing the need for a minimum of two (2) nominees for Board positions to be elected this year.

Current slate of officers and Board members:

President - Mary Morris Mergenthal - term expires summer 2015

Vice-President - Judith Evans Warner - *pro tem* - term expires on election of Bill Kimes' replacement.

Treasurer - Ron Adams - term expires summer 2015

Secretary - Pam Rose - term expires summer 2015

Board members: Ilene Alexander - term expires summer 2015

Janice Barbee - term expires summer 2015

Terms for officers are 2 years.

- Judith Evans Warner has kindly offered to serve as Vice-president *pro tem* just so the position is filled for this program year, unless someone else is elected June 21.
- A glance at the roster above indicates that the balance of terms is badly askew.
- Next year we will, therefore, need replacements for all officers! Please consider whether that sort of leadership might interest you a year from now.

Please contact Mary Morris Mergenthal, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com or (651) 644-1650, with questions or if you have a suggestion for a member who might be contacted to consider arranging his or her schedule for 2015-'17 to be available for such service.

Board members currently serve 3 years.

- As a result of last year's unbalanced election and because Judith has offered to fill the vice-president position temporarily, **we need to elect 2 new Board members June 21**, each serving until either summer 2016 or 2017, depending on whether or not the By-Laws are changed. (*See below.*)

What does the St. David's Society Board do?

- It plans and coordinates Society events.
- It arranges for a Membership Secretary, Sunshine Chairperson, and Archive Committee.
- It does this work collaboratively. Board members added, "We always have food; we enjoy working together; we feel good about what we do!"

Proposed By-Law Changes for June 21 Annual Meeting

ARTICLE VII

ANNUAL BUDGET

Section 7.1 The annual budget of estimated income, expense and capital expense shall be prepared by the Treasurer in consultation with the President and the Membership Secretary and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recommends that ARTICLE VII, Section 7.1 be deleted, as it is never followed. The Society is solvent. At this point, while fiscal responsibility remains a necessity, there is no need for fund raising or undue financial concern.

The Board of Directors recommends that the term of Directors be changed to two (2) years. In addition, the Board of Directors recommends that the second (2nd) sentence is unnecessary. It's unlikely anyone would want to serve 9 years (currently) or 6 years (under this recommendation). If they were serving faithfully and productively, there seems to be no reason to hamper their service.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.2 Directors at large shall serve for a term of three (3) years each, and shall be so elected that approximately one-third (1/3) of the Directors at large shall be elected each year. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as a Director.