

AGENDA CAUCUS: WESTERN REGION

Date & Time: Friday, May 8th, 1:00pm to 1:45pm

Location: Virtual meeting, URL to be provided 24 hours in advance of meeting

Chair and presiding officers: Jeri Little (9), Tammy Marasia (4), Fiona Theseira (8) – plus guest LT speaker: Chris Pelkola Lee

Special note: 2020 is a transitional year, and we ask that all RVPs for their 2020 region speak on behalf of matters that pertain to her region; the 2021 caucus format is done with the intention to experiment on the new format but the full transition does not take place until 2021. Please see timeline, advised to the 2019 Governing Board that approved the bylaws changes:

<https://www.wcr.org/about/econnect-archive/april-2019/>

- I. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions
- II. Appointment of Secretary to record actions taken
- III. Regional reports
- IV. Explain process and timelines for national leadership opportunities: 2022 National Treasurer & 2022 National Liaisons. *Note: formal filing deadline for both is early September 2020, but any candidates interested in running can inform the group accordingly.*
- V. Women's Council leadership team member Chris Pelkola Lee to address new elements to Women's Council this meeting cycle: the upcoming midyear business meeting (election), proposed bylaws changes at Governing Board, and open positions on Exec and Nominating.
 - Note 1: proposed bylaws changes advised in eConnect as follows:
<https://www.wcr.org/about/econnect-newsletter/bylaws/>
 - Note 2: new nominating committee makeup: <https://www.wcr.org/about/econnect-archive/april-2019/>
- VI. New business and housekeeping announcements:
 - Deadlines and processes: appointment of State Liaisons deadline (June 1st), Leadership Identification & Development (June 1st), Leadership Institute process (June 30th).
 - Inaugural strategic partnership opportunities:
<https://www.wcr.org/media/1838837/inaugural-partnership-brochure-4820.pdf>

- Other: Note that the Regional Caucus may discuss anything relevant to Council regional affairs, however, is empowered to act only on matters within its scope, as set out in the Regional Guidelines.

VII. Q&A

MEETING RULES OF THE DAY REGIONAL CAUCUSES

1. It is a generally understood and accepted principle by the meeting attendees that while the bylaws changes approved at the 2019 Midyear Meeting included transforming regions from 9 to 3, for the purposes of the 2020 year, regions are still technically divided into 9 regions and the new caucus format is experimental and being done to assist the transitional phase of 2020 with regards to bylaws implementation. Regional Vice Presidents are duly elected for the entire 2020 year (through the national conference in November). For future meetings in 2021, the regions will be divided into three and will be overseen by National Liaisons assigned to that region.
2. All associated documentation for the meetings are in the Agendas Center and it is the responsibility of the attendee to view and understand these prior to the meeting.
3. When addressing the RVP, members shall state their name before being recognized.
4. Technical requirements and malfunctions. Members are responsible for their connection to the Internet and the meeting. No action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of an individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
5. Forced disconnections. The RVP(s) may direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting.
6. Assignment of the floor. To seek recognition by the meeting chair, a member shall use the raised hand feature of Zoom. Once recognition is given, a question may be typed in the chat box.
7. Questions must be submitted in advance. The chair will announce the questions in the meeting and, to the extent feasible, may have such questions, or any other documents that are currently before the meeting for information, to be displayed on the screen.