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TO: ASTSWMO Voting Representatives
FROM: Mark de Bie (CA), ASTSWMO Past-President and Chair of the Nominating Committee
DATE: September 24, 2018
SUBJECT: Election of ASTSWMO Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer

The 2018 election of ASTSWMO's Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer will occur on October 25, 2018, during ASTSWMO's Annual Meeting. Elections are governed by [ASTSWMO's Bylaws](#), which were revised in October 2015 by a vote of the Membership. The Bylaws specify that the designated Voting Representative from each State and Territory (State) will vote on behalf of their State. The revised Bylaws no longer require that the slate of candidates contain more than one name.

The Annual Meeting will be held October 25 - 26, 2018 in Bethesda, MD at the Bethesda Hyatt Hotel. The election for these positions will be conducted during the Annual Business Meeting to be held at **8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, October 25, 2018**. The Vice-President will hold office for a one-year term and then assume the Presidency the following year, followed by one-year as Past-President, for a total term of three years. The Secretary-Treasurer will hold office for two years.

The ballot and biographical information for the candidates are located on the ASTSWMO webpage. In addition to the nominees, floor nominations will be accepted prior to the start of the election on October 25th.

The candidates will have an opportunity to give brief remarks during the meeting before the vote. Ballots will be collected until the end of the first break on Thursday morning. The Past-Presidents of the Nominating Committee in attendance will count the ballots and the results will be announced at the conclusion of the morning plenary sessions on Thursday, October 25, 2018.

According to our records, you are the Voting Representative for your State. If you cannot personally attend the October 25th Business Meeting, you should designate a proxy in writing using the following procedure in order to comply with the Association's Bylaws requirements for proxy voting. Article V, Section 3 reads:

"Each Member shall designate one individual to be the "Voting Representative who shall be entitled to only one vote when the Membership of the Association conducts business. Member votes shall be cast by the Voting Representative or an individual officially designated by proxy for the Voting Representative. Such designation shall be submitted in writing by the Voting Representative to the President prior to the vote."

A sample proxy letter is located on the ASTSWMO webpage.

The proxies should be forwarded to ASTSWMO's office by Thursday, October 19th in order to ensure delivery of your State's ballot to the proxy designee the morning of Thursday, October 25. It is best that the proxies are sent to Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO Executive Director via email (daniar@astswmo.org) or they can also be sent via fax (202-331-3254).

However, if you chose to cast your **Ballot** via absentee, then please fill out the ballot and send the completed ballot, including the run-off ballot to daniar@astswmo.org.

If you are unable to send it to the office, you should ensure that the person designated as proxy deliver a signed proxy letter to ASTSWMO staff at the registration table *before the start of the Business Meeting*. Please note that the proxy voter need not be from your State. You may choose another State Member's Representative, such as your Regional Board representative. A current listing of the [ASTSWMO Board of Directors](#) is also on the webpage.

Please contact me or our Association's Executive Director before the meeting. You can reach Dania Rodriguez at (202) 640-1061 or e-mail at daniar@astswmo.org. There may not be sufficient time to settle issues relating to your State's proxy in the early hours of the morning of the first day of the Annual Meeting. So please attempt to resolve these points by telephone or e-mail before October 23rd.

If you have any doubt about the designation of your State's Voting Representative, the proxy process, or any other information about the Association's voting system, please contact Dania Rodriguez.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I thank you for your participation and support of the candidates.

Sincerely,



Mark de Bie (CA), ASTSWMO Past-President

Documents on the ASTSWMO webpage

- Candidate Bios
- 2015 ASTSWMO Bylaws
- Proxy Letter
- Sample Ballot