



## **Report from the NOMA Nominating Committee Meeting November 16, 2012**

**Present via conference call:** Danilo Bach, Patricia Bauer, Sherrill Kushner, Evelyn Lauchenauer, Meyera Robbins

### **Purpose of the meeting:**

- 1) To draw up a slate of candidates to be members of the Board and to be presented at the December meeting and voted upon at the annual meeting in January.
- 2) To specify the form of the statement that nominees will be asked to submit to the Nominating Committee. These statements will then be distributed to the membership no later than one week prior to the annual meeting.

### **Background:**

NOMA's bylaws require the Nominating Committee to perform the above-mentioned tasks each year in preparation for the annual meeting. The slate is to be made public at the meeting preceding the annual meeting.

Members of the committee discussed the committee's tasks in light of the following broad goals:

- Recruiting and selecting candidates for board positions who possess strong leadership qualities and skills that will serve the organization's needs both now and in the future;
- Assuring that the board has sufficient diversity, expertise and balance; and
- Developing a system to create and nurture a pool of prospective leaders.

It was noted that the organization's bylaws specify that approximately half the members of the board are elected at annual meetings each year, and that the authorized number of directors is nine.

### **Action:**

The committee approved the following slate, with the understanding that one-year terms for directors are recommended this year only to assure that approximately half the members of the board will be elected for two-year terms at each annual meeting. In future years, all terms for directors will be two-year terms.

**Nominated for one-year terms: Victor Fresco, Albin Gielisz, Doris Sosin, Mary Jo Stenger.**

**Nominated for two-year terms: Danilo Bach, Patricia Bauer, Todd James, Carol Landsberg, Evelyn Lauchenauer.**

Nominating Committee members set the following form for the statement that nominees are required to submit in support of their candidacies: Each candidate shall submit a statement of no more than 250 words that offers factual information about the candidate and explains why the candidate wishes to serve on the NOMA board. The deadline for submission of candidate statements to the NOMA Secretary is January 7, 2013.

Members of the Nominating Committee volunteered to continue meeting regularly throughout the year with the goal of broadening the pool of prospective leaders for NOMA.

Nominating Committee members articulated the need for a broad-based recruitment effort to bring in more members from all demographic segments of the neighborhood, and

suggested that members be encouraged to participate in or organize committees that interest them. Here are a few ideas for new committees:

- Membership Committee
- Traffic Committee
- Block Captain Committee (Neighbor-to-Neighbor Communication)
- Social Committee

**Other ideas that were discussed:**

- Encouraging local Realtors to participate in NOMA and support NOMA's activities;
- Staging a traffic event in which NOMA members highlight problem intersections with balloons;
- Using a targeted mailing in the 90401 and 90402 zip codes to encourage participation and new memberships;
- Encouraging membership among families of school-age children by sending speakers to PTA events at Franklin and Roosevelt Elementary Schools; and
- Exploring the use of space at local restaurants or businesses for NOMA-related social events.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Bauer, committee chair