

Take a hand in charting TMUG's future.

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Volunteer some of your time and effort for an organization that has given you so much.

TMUG is your organization. Help shape it the way you would like it to be. The floor is open 'virtually' for member nominations to seats on the TMUG Executive Committee:

- President
- First Vice President (Programs)
- Second Vice President (Publicity)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Now is your opportunity to identify and put forward the names of those you would like to see heading the organization during the remainder of 2004 and through March 2005.

At the June 14 general meeting, President Smythe Richbourg appointed a nominating committee to prepare a slate or slates of candidates for members to consider and vote on at the July 12 TMUG meeting. Some incumbents indicated at the meeting they were willing to be considered for reelection; our Bylaws require that all seats be open to other candidates.

The nominating committee will therefore receive nominations from TMUG members beginning today to all five Executive Committee offices. Here's how the process will work:

1. Nominations will be made by e-mail message addressed to one or all of the nominating committee members. The following are Nominating Committee members:
 - Ken Brooks (Chair) [kb AT sparklight DOT com]
 - Alec Whittaker [alecw AT nc DOT rr DOT com]
 - Frank Crigler [fcrigler AT nc DOT rr DOT com]
2. Each TMUG member may nominate one candidate for each office, for a total of five candidates.
3. To be eligible for election, nominees must be TMUG members in good standing. (It will be helpful to the committee -- but not essential -- if the candidate's willingness to serve is determined in advance by the

- nominating member.)
4. Members willing to serve as officers themselves are strongly encouraged to place their own names in nomination.
 5. Nominations may also be announced on the TMUG listserv if desired, but a direct message to a committee member is required.
 6. Nominations must reach the committee no later than June 30 at midnight.
 7. Candidates nominated for the same office by more than one member will be considered "seconded" and therefore eligible to be placed on the July 12 election ballot. Candidates nominated and seconded will then be contacted by a member of the nominating committee to confirm their willingness to have their names placed on the ballot.
 8. Balloting will take place at the July 12 TMUG meeting by members in good standing present at that meeting. (Absentee ballots will be made available to members requesting them 48 hours in advance of the election; requests should be made by e-mail to a member of the Nominating Committee.).

Please direct any questions you may have to the Nominating Committee Chair, Ken Brooks, or to another member of the committee.

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