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Subject: 2021 SCWDC Election

The SCWDC Board of Directors has approved your nomination as a candidate for the 2021 Club election.

Your first step is to compose a biographical statement for publication on our website and in the March/April magazine. A link to the website page will also appear in the Club’s *SkiGram* newsletter. Please keep your statement between 300 to 400 words. Include your name, your history in the Club, current and past volunteer/leadership experience, and what you hope to accomplish as President or Director.

Please send the content to me at gkrubens@verizon.net. We also need a digital “selfie” photograph to accompany the statement.  If you do not have a suitable photo, I can arrange to take one for you. I am also available for editorial advice.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the election process will be different than in past years but will still fully comply with Club Policy.  We plan to conduct the Election Meeting virtually (via “Zoom”) during the first week of April 2021. You will be given a two-minute period at the meeting to deliver a speech. Presidential candidates get 4 minutes. After the speeches have been delivered, electronic voting will be disabled, the Treasurer’s Report will be delivered, and if necessary, a brief recess will occur. Once all ballots have been tabulated, the meeting will be called back to order, and the results announced.

In 2018 electronic voting was approved by the membership. For the results to be available at the annual Election Meeting, voting has been enabled a week beforehand.  Since most of the ballots have already been cast before the Election Meeting, the impact of the candidate speeches has been diminished.

To remedy this, I have proposed that a special membership meeting be called one week prior to the annual Election Meeting to provide another opportunity for the candidates to speak, answer questions, and communicate with interested members. The Club’s Policy Chair Howard Fisher is in favor of this approach, but it will still require approval by the Club’s Board of Directors. Stay tuned for details.

Thank you for volunteering to serve.

Gary K. Rubens, SCWDC Elections Chairman

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