

## GCWA Meeting End of Year. Officer and Board of Directors Nominations and Elections for 2021

Good Morning! First we ask that you mute your speaker unless you wish to speak such as asking a question to our speaker, nominating a candidate for office or for another reason.

Thank you for hanging in and participating at our GCWA meetings via ZOOM. It's not perfect and sure miss seeing everyone in person, but we're nearing the end and will soon be together. Meanwhile, we are fortunate since many organizations have simply closed down and thanks to your faithfulness and support, we are surviving and have a future.

Today we nominate and elect our 2021 Officers and Board of Directors. Because the circumstance of what we can or cannot do on ZOOM the process will be a bit different. When you have a question about what a nominee is responsible for as an officer, I suggest you check out our Constitution which can be reached through our website. There you will find the duties for each officer.

So here's what we'll do. I will call the office that is being filled and the person who has been nominated. I will ask for any further nominations from the floor. If someone wants to add a

nominee unmute your speaker, if none are nominated, I will continue to the next office.

And so on and so forth. When the last person is nominated, we will ask for a vote to elect all of the new 2021 officers. We will follow the same process for the Board of Directors.

Here we go!

Our nominee for President is Irene Smith, our present President. Are there any other nominations? If not, Irene is nominated for another term.

Our Vice-President nominee is Bob McCarthy. Any other nominations?

Our Secretary nominee is Mary Charles. Any other nominations?

Our Treasurer nominee is Michael Cole. Any other nominations?

Our Special Projects team are: Christie Zarria and Vee Byram. Are there any other nominations?

Membership nominee is David Aiken. Any other nominees?

Web Manager is Judy Loose. Any other nominees?

Communications is Geneva Kelly, Any other nominees?

Officer at Large. Jan Nieman (that's me). Any other nominees?

I'm calling for a vote to elect all the nominees.....this is when you unmute your speaker and say, "YES!"

We continue to nominate and elect the 2021 Board of Directors, also known as the Corporate Board. And I would again suggest you read our Constitution re' their distinct duties. They basically represent matters that are external. Terms are three years and they must meet a minimum of three times per year. One member of the Executive Board must attend the Executive Board officer's monthly meeting.

The Corporate Board candidates are either being elected to a full three year term, or when their term ends.

DL Havlin is replacing Jan Nieman

Susan Grunin is replacing Don Cappelli

Tina McNeice's term end 2022

Andrew Conlyn's term end 2023

Again, if you approve the candidates, please hold up your hand. Are there any dissenters? If not, please unmute your speakers and vote "Yes." And with that vote we have our Board of Directors for 2021.

Thank you and here's to a great new year and raise your cup of coffee, water glass, beer or wine! Yippee!

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Our program today is with a speaker who happens to be one of our new members and has even accepted being on the Board of Directors. Talk about jumping right in!!!

Here's a little about DL Havlin:

He's an **unretired** businessman who has traveled a large portion of the world, having visited over 100 countries. He managed offices in places like London, Singapore, Frankfurt, Acala Spain, and many more. In his travels he has discovered that humans have very similar appearances but their cultures make them as distinct as visitors from another planet.

DL has been writing 30 plus years. He writes historical literary, women's mainstream, and suspense/mystery series. He has ten books published. The latest is *Escaping Skeletons*, a mystery/suspense series.

For us today his topic is: *Building a Platform for Both Non-fiction and Fiction Authors*. You ask, "What is that and why would I need one? I did! DL Havlin will share how to build one and what it can do for you.

Please welcome DL Havlin.

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Thank you DL. We have time for questions and answers this morning. If you wish to speak, unmute your speaker, hold your hand up. And DL Havlin will address your question.

DL you are now in charge.

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Thank you again. Irene...back to you!