

2020 FALL MEETING - Governor Elect Script

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Hello - Again I am Margie Burke and I have the opportunity to serve as your Governor-elect for the 2020-2022 Biennium.

I am excited to be sharing with you some dates and locations for upcoming Soroptimist meetings for you all to pencil into your calendars and I will be educating you all on the committees that support the Golden West Region. Just as a heads up there will be an ask at the end of my presentation.

As you all know, we as Soroptimist have had to pivot these past several months and unfortunately meetings have been canceled or formats have changed to virtual. As we look to the future, I would like to share meetings that have been scheduled for you to put in your calendar and plan to attend.

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Upcoming Meetings:

The GWR Board and Spring Conference Committee will begin planning our **Golden West Region Spring Conference**. The 2021 Spring Conference is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Twin Arrows Resort & Casino in Flagstaff, Arizona on May 20-23, 2021 and our theme is Climb Every Mountain

Late last month, we were notified that the Soroptimist International's 100th Anniversary World-wide Celebration in San Francisco has been cancelled. However, SIA is working on alternate plans that they will be discussing at their January board meeting. We will still be celebrating our 100 years in some fabulous way. Stay tuned!

As we had previously discussed the possibility that our GWR's District Meetings may tie into the 100th Anniversary celebration the GWR Board will be discussing Fall Meeting dates and locations for next October early next year. Stay tuned!

On the horizon is our GWR's Spring Conference 2022, which will be held in California around end of May beginning of June 2022

SIA is currently planning our 47th Biennial Convention in Seoul, Korea July 20-23, 2022 with the theme of Together in Motion.

And planning has also started on the SI's Quadrennial Convention in Dublin, Ireland – July 27-29, 2023 with the theme of Challenge the Future.

Start saving now to attend these exciting conferences and conventions!

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GWR Committees:

The success of our region is the result of the strength and support of our committees. The committees not only support the region goals but also assist in carrying out the goals and initiatives of SIA.

The committees can be broken down into two groups the Pillar Areas and the Technical Committee. Along with the Region Board these committee chairs and coordinators work/success allow us to earn the “Health Region Designation”.

All Information regarding the procedures for the committees can be found in the GWR Procedures Manual or on the SIA Website for Pillar Positions

Pillar Area Committees, which include Program, Membership, Fundraising and Public Awareness, are led by Committee chairs and the committees are defined by SIA and operate all year long.

There are job descriptions for the Pillar positions and direct communication throughout the year from SIA.

Technical Committees which support the function of the region may have a limited scope and purpose that is specific to the time of the club year. Most activity occurring at or near spring conference when the final business of the region is conducted.

As you can see, I have listed the names of our regions technical committees.

Members are appointed to committees and typically serve a 2 year term. The Region Treasurer is ex-officio member to the Finance Committee and the Governor-elect is the liaison to all standing committees.

Any communications from Chairs or Coordinators must be approved by the Governor-elect and Governor.

Committee coordinators must keep governor and governor-elect informed of committee progress. The Governor-elect will provide a formal committee update at each Board of Directors meeting.

I will touch upon the Pillar Areas at a high-level as each Pillar or their representative will share more in detail what is going on in their respective areas. Each club should see each coordinator as a resource and should feel free to reach out to them with any questions.

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Linda Poindexter is the Program Committee Pillar

The responsibilities of this committee are to promote program objectives of SIA and GWR. SIA hold quarterly calls and send communication to the Pillar to assist with meeting the objectives.

The committee will ensure that each club is aware of materials available on the various websites and Linda works closely with the GWR Live your Dream, Dream it Be it and SI Liaison coordinators.

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DONA Lori Reed is the Membership Committee Pillar

The responsibilities of this committee are to promote membership objectives for SIA and GWR. Assisting in recruitment, retention and chartering new clubs. Educating clubs and members on resources and materials available on the various websites.

Monthly the committee reviews SIA statistics on membership and works with each district membership representative to ensure we are on track to meet our goals.

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Pam Field is the Fundraising Pillar

The responsibilities of this committee are focused on fundraising projects (I am sure you are surprised). Our fundraising efforts are typically during spring conference for the region and promoting the fundraising efforts of SIA and SI during the year and at other meetings.

As we have pivoted and added virtual fundraising to our toolkit, Pam and her committee continue to explore options for clubs and the region to meet our fundraising goals.

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Aurora Feehely is the Public Awareness Pillar

The responsibilities of this committee are to promote public awareness objective of SIA and GWR. As we are learning more and more about our social presence, this committee assists with managing and updating the content of the GWR website.

There are various federation tools and resources that have recently been published for access on the website.

I want to thank the Pillars for stepping up and saying yes and we will hear more from them later in the program.

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Technical Committees

The technical committees are just that, technical and assist the region with the business of the region.

I would like to recognize each coordinator and share a bit about each committee and the time of year their focus is needed.

The Credentials & Elections Coordinator is Paula Adkins

The responsibilities of this committee include:

- Presenting reports at spring conference typically in May
- Assist the Spring Conference registration committee

- Complete club credentials forms for each voting member
- Work with District Tellers for voting
- Assist with new procedures and protocol with virtual voting

The Finance Committee Coordinator is DONA Gloria Hill

The responsibilities of this committee include:

- Work with the Treasurer in developing the regions annual budget which occurs in January
- Presentation of budget at spring conference – May
- Quarterly review of the regions financial statements and report to Treasurer.

The Laws & Resolutions Committee Coordinator is Shelley Cutts

The responsibilities of this committee include:

- Preparing and presenting region bylaw changes at spring conference - May
- Review of region bylaws each biennium
- Review of club bylaws and procedures if requested – recommended at least every two years

The Nominating Committee Coordinator is Dee Foster

The responsibilities of this committee include:

- Soliciting nominations from clubs

- Proposing candidates for election to GWR office
- Prepare and develop a slate of nominees for nominating committee
- Prepare, develop and solicit slate of nominees for region board

The Spring Conference Co-Coordinator are Mary Ann Smith & Mandy Mann

This committee has its own “manual” and if you are interested in learning more about the committee please reach out to either of them or check out the GWR website for more details.

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I mentioned earlier that the Program Pillar, Linda Poindexter also works with the region committees. She works with
Dream It, Be It Committee Coordinator - Laura Pauli

Live Your Dream Committee Coordinators – Governor-elect Margie Burke (Me) and Esther Duvall

And SI Liaison Coordinator – Denise Middleton

Linda also serves as the Soroptimist Celebrating Success Coordinator

The responsibility of these respective committees are to work with Program Chair to carryout goals of the region, which include:

- Planning, coordinating and administering awards at the region level
- Encourage all clubs to participate in the various programs
- Answering any questions that the members and presidents may have
- Coordinate judging of applications at the District and Region Level

Communications for the region are from Governor Laurie Moses/Secretary Pat Box

The responsibilities include

- Assemble communications for distribution to members
- Manage the distribution list on our various platforms
- Blasts!

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Now for the ask! I mentioned at the beginning of my presentation that I would have an ask at the end.

We are still looking for committee members for the following committees and would love to add you to the list. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees or you have

additional, questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the committee coordinator.

LYD Committee – D1 & D3

Membership Committee – D3

Public Awareness Committee – D2, D3 and D4

Thank you to all those members that have already said yes and are serving on our region committees. If you have a member that was not in attendance this morning and you think they may be interested or a good fit for the committee.

Please send me their name and I would be happy to reach out to them.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks for your time this morning.

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