2018 Annual Convention Council of Governors' Committee Report

CONTEST AND AWARDS Committee Report submitted on October 8, 2018

Reported by PDG Janet Rinehart

It is important to note that the rules for Contest & Awards are on the MD19 website; they are not printed in the roster. This will assure the information is available to everyone, and, therefore everyone can rest assured the same rules will apply to everyone.

I have received a number of questions, comments and suggestions regarding the Contests that perhaps do need to be considered. In one case, the C&A committee (which is one person, at this time) was asked to review the rules regarding the Distinguished Service Award. Currently, to be considered for this award, a person must have served at least four (4) years in some capacity at the MD level, such as being multiple district chairperson, committee member or volunteering at the MD-19 office. The situation now is that there are committees with a single person representing three districts; that reduces the number of members eligible to be considered. If the proposal for combining Constitution and By-Laws committee with Policy Manual committee passes, another opportunity for meeting the eligibility requirements is lost. I recognize the difficulty the Council Chairperson may have here, but I fully recommend each committee position be filled so that each district is represented. Otherwise should we consider changing that requirement for the Distinguished Service Award? (Besides - one person is not a committee.)

Another suggestion I received is to reinstate the Club Treasurer Excellence Award. I do not know when or why this contest was dropped, or if it ever existed, but I have the proposed rules for this as they were presented to me. Council, should the C&A committee consider adding Club Treasurer Excellence Award?

Importantly, I want to thank those who stepped forward and graciously volunteered to help with the judging during this convention.

Thank you,

PDG Janet C&A Chairperson