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Nominations Committee

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Report to the IMIA General Assembly 1996

Principals for the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee has to balance two major principles for proposing individuals to become members of the IMIA Board. The first is the principle of professional competence to do the necessary work. The second one is the geographical equal representation. However, the dominating principle must be competence. Although in a given period of time it is not possible to have a fair geographical distribution, the principle has to be applied over a longer period of time.

By introducing a new structure for IMIA with vice presidents and working teams there will be many more positions for individual professionals to be elected into IMIA. If all positions are filled there will be more than one hundred positions on global and regional level not counting the representatives of the various members. In addition SIGs and WGs offer 150 - 200 positions for medical informatics professionals focusing on a special matter. Especially younger professionals will find many opportunities to be part of IMIA's activities

Change of Generation

The Nominating Committee proposes a new way of electing individuals into the IMIA Board: By making the election one year before the actual take-over it will allow the persons elected to make plans according to the work that has to be done. It is a strong recommendation from the Committee to the IMIA General Assembly to accept this new principle. It is the belief of the members of the Committee that this new principle will support all parties. The principle has to be embedded into the statutes in 1997. Trusting that the GA of IMIA will follow this recommendation, the Nominations Committee has prepared to establish this process already now by preparing a three years plan which is balancing the various IMIA Regions and which gives some stability to the process. This stability is needed for the next two to

three years because otherwise the change from the generation of pioneers to the younger professionals on a global scale may disrupt IMIA's international activities.

The Nominations Committee also recommends to the GA to stabilize IMIA's Working Groups and SIGs by the introduction of secretaries to each WG or SIG. These should be nominated by the Chairpersons and formally accepted by the corresponding VP.

Proposals for 1997/98

The Nominations Committee discussed with various individuals whether they would be prepared to serve the IMIA family in the years to come. Most of them reacted positively - a few colleagues had to turn down requests because of their current professional workload. Two presidential candidates have been identified - both are interested.

A key question in relation to all IMIA posts is the duration of office. The Nominations Committee has also discussed this aspect and asked several former and possible future officers for their opinion. It seems that half of them opt for an two years term with a preceding year of being already elected and half of them opt for three years terms for reasons of continuity. It was decided to further research this important aspect together with the GA.

Current Board members:

President	O. Rienhoff (Ger)	95 - 98
Past President	M. Ball (USA)	95 - 96
Secretary	B. Solheim (Nor)	92 - 97
Treasurer	J. Tresling (SA)	95 - 98
V. President Medinfo	S. Kaihara (Jap)	93 - 97
V. President Services	J. van Bommel (B)	93 - 96
V. President Members	K. Hannah (Can)	93 - 96
V. President SIG/WG	J-R. Scherrer (CH)	93 - 96
V. President Spec. Act.	A. Bakker (Ne)	95 - 98
Liaison Officer to CEN	J. R. Scherrer	95 - 97

Proposal for New Board Members 1996

(1) Postponement of election of IMIA President to 1997 to clarify the workload in relation with the establishment of an IMIA Secretariat in 1996.

(2) V. President Services	Alexa McCray (USA)	96 - 99
(3) V. President Members	Jean Roberts (UK)	96 - 99

(4) V. President SIG/WG	Tak. Takahashi (JAP)	96 - 99
(5) Honorary Member	Valerio Yacubsohn (Arg)	
(6) Honorary Member	Marion Ball (USA)	
(7) Liaison Officer to NLM	M. Ball (USA)	96 - 99
(8) Liaison Officer to EU	P. Degoulet (France)	96 - 99
(9) Liaison Officer to HON	J.-R. Scherrer(CH)	96 - 99

Reference: Otto Rienhoff/BRI IMIA96\Hans Peterson IMIA.txt