

General Membership Meeting of LIR. November 19, 1993

Bill Lieson opened the meeting stating that the meeting had been called for the specific purpose of nominating a candidate for Vice President. The understanding is that the person will be President as of July, 1994. He introduced Gladys Rapoport, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Gladys Rapoport announced the members of the Nominating Committee were: Bill Hubbard, Bill Gibson, Paul Rothery, Alice Friedman, and Florence Bardondes, alternate.

Gladys announced that the candidate selected by the Committee is Eleanor Reid.

Bill Lieson asked if there were further nominations from the floor.

Bob Grose raised a question as to whether the By-Laws stated that the election should follow immediately after the nomination of a candidate. Bill Lieson said that no timing is stated in the By-Laws, but he noted that the office of Vice President has been vacant since July and that it is to the benefit of LIR to fill the office as soon as possible.

Ginny Senders congratulate the Committee on the selection of a fine candidate, but stated that she is distressed that the Committee in its proceedings kept the name of the candidate in secret. She felt that the membership should have been kept abreast of the work of the committee and that participation in the process by all members should be encouraged.

Bill Lieson pointed out that the circumstances of this particular election are unique and that the Council wished to act to fill the position as soon as possible.

Harley Unger offered three suggestions to maximize choices among the membership;

1. that names of nominees be made known in advance of the membership meeting called to consider these nominees.
2. that the nominations should be known for a week before ballots are sent out.
3. that the result of the vote be part of the public record.

David Navon moved that the election of the Vice President be delayed until November 30th and that if in that time another candidate is brought forward and his/her candidacy is supported by the names of ten members of LIR, that the candidate's name be included on the ballot. After further discussion, a member moved the previous question. In a vote on David Navon's motion, it was not accepted.

Bill Lieson accepted a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and voted.