Dear Survivors,

Per National C.O.P.S. SOP 4.3(A), the Immediate Past President of C.O.P.S. is the Chair of the Nominations/Elections Committee (N/EC).

The Chair compiles a list of qualified survivors to serve on this committee. The criteria are listed below.

Once the Committee Chair has verified that those interested in serving on the N/EC have met the requirements to serve, the Chair shall forward the list to the National President who will then bring the list to the Board for their approval no later than February 15th. The Board will make the final determination for the make-up of the committee each year based on the diversity of the letters of intent that were submitted ensuring that 1) survivor type and 2) regions are equally represented, as best as possible. The Chair may have input on the total number of committee members needed.

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The committee shall be comprised of past National Board Members, former and present Chapter Board Members, and at least one Past National President (PNP). To be eligible, potential committee members must meet the following criteria:

- Have no family member (including co-worker survivor) running for the National Board.
- Have no family member (including co-worker survivor) currently employed by C.O.P.S.
- Have served on a chapter board within the last five (5) years, or served previously on the National Board, or have a valid and approved reason for not serving on a chapter board within the last five (5) years (approved/disapproved by majority vote of the sitting National Board). Requirement for committee applicants to have served on a chapter board within the last five (5) years shall be waived if that applicant has no chapter in their specific area.

Committee members must commit to reviewing application packets from those seeking to be elected to the National Board, studying the applicants’ responses to chapter questions, be available for a conference call by May 9th, and providing recommendations.

To survivors interested in serving on the Nominations/Election Committee, please write a letter of intent stating your desire to serve on the committee. Letters, accompanied by the Letter of Intent Form, should be forwarded to the N/EC Chair at patricia_carruth@nationalcops.org and also cc barbie_squires@nationalcops.org no later than February 1st.

Thank you,

Patricia Carruth, Immediate Past President