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As you may recall from reading my President's Report in the March *Newsliner*, 2026 is our national election year. The positions of all six Region Directors and the national officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) are up for election. Many of us currently serving in an elected position are either ineligible to run or are moving and unable to serve in the same capacity. This means it is an excellent opportunity for interested members to become candidates for election to one of the offices and help lead our great Association into the future. These elected officers comprise the USAWOA Board of Directors (BOD).

We are a little over two months into the nomination window which officially closes on 4 July 2026, 90 days before the start of our Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM). USAWOA Forms 300-2 and 300-2-1, nominations form and resume respectively, are found and can be downloaded from <https://docs.usawoa.org/forms/forms.html>. All resumes will be printed in the July *Newsliner* along with a voting ballot.

Last month, the USAWOA BOD took the unprecedented action to temporarily suspend a portion of our national bylaws that stipulated a 300-mile radius required of all national officers and expanded it to 500 miles. We did this to encourage members who would not normally be eligible to run for a national office, to do so. Ideally, our goal is to have more than one candidate for each position.

Our Nominations Committee Chair, CW5(Ret) Marv Peters, also authored an informative article in the April *Newsliner* that provided his personal perspective of serving as an elected Region Director. These recent *Newsliners*, along with the past 24-month's editions are available for download in the USAWOA Member Portal. <https://usawoa.site-ym.com/page/Newsliner>.

CW5(Ret) Peters recently informed me that to date he has only received two nominations, both for Region Director positions. No one has yet declared themselves a candidate for a national officer position. I cannot overstate how important it is that our association continue to adapt and grow for the future. This can only be done, however, with leadership of members who want to be part of a team to continue to drive USAWOA forward. I encourage members not to think they shouldn't become candidates because their chapter leadership experience may be limited. From personal experience, I never held any chapter leadership position when I ran for and was elected as the National Secretary in 2018. What I brought to the position was a desire to learn about how USAWOA ran from the highest levels, how national provided support to our chapters, and a goal to improve USAWOA business processes. Eight years later as I

complete my second term as national president, I can honestly say this has been a very rewarding experience and I highly encourage our members to consider being a candidate for these offices.

With less than 60 days remaining in the nomination period, I ask all members to consider becoming a candidate for one of the offices. Moreover, if you know of a member who you think would be a good candidate, talk to them; it often only takes a little nudge by a friend or peer. If a member is interested but has questions about the roles and functions of the offices, feel free to contact me at [president@usawoa.org](mailto:president@usawoa.org) and I will gladly share information and answer questions.

Finally, a reminder that sales of tickets for the USAWOA 2026 Annual Fundraiser are ongoing. Thank you to those members who have already purchased tickets. This fundraiser helps to defray continuing association expenses. Tickets can be purchased directly from our online store at <https://usawoa.site-ym.com/store/viewproduct.aspx?id=23356881> or by simply calling the headquarters.

Thank you to all members for what you do to support your local chapter and the larger association. Chapters, please keep sending photos and descriptions of your activities so we can publish them in the monthly *Newsliner*. **USAWOA: Warrant Officers Moving Forward - Together**

Sincerely,



CW5(Ret) Michael D. Dye  
National President  
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