



To: All ACA, Heart of the South Members

From: Bri Payne, Nominations and Awards Chair (865) 376-2236

Date: August 19, 2009

Re: Nominations for 2009 Election for Board of Directors

Dear ACA, Heart of the South Members!

We need your help in preparing nominations for the 2009 board election. This fall, we will hold an election for the following board positions: **President Elect, Education Chair, and District Chair nominees from Arkansas and Louisiana**. These positions start 1 January 2010, with a three year tenure.

In preparing a slate of candidates for this and all other elections there are two guiding principles under which we should like to operate and for which we seek your support:

- **Whenever possible, elected positions should have at least two candidates willing and qualified to serve, so that there is a choice for members to elect.**
- **New people should be encouraged to enter leadership positions in order to continually energize and bring in new ideas to improve our Section, build up a reservoir of experienced leadership, and broaden participation in our Section.**

We ***all*** need to help our Section:

Please consider standing for election. If you have questions about what the duties and responsibilities of the position entail, its time and energy commitments, etc., then please contact Bri Payne, Nominating Chair or current office holders. We can send you a description for each position and try to answer your questions.

If you can not run for office at this time, please consider encouraging a Section member that you know (perhaps from within your own organization) to contact the Committee Chair about running.

Please do not wait for others to recommend you for office. This is not a time to be modest, shy, or hesitant; but rather, forthright, direct, and open to your potential to help the Section and thereby serve camping in general and children everywhere. We think that you will find serving your Section to be both professionally and personally rewarding.

Proposals for nominations for the upcoming election will be considered if phoned or received by September 15, 2009. Don't wait. Use the form below to make your nomination.

****Consent secured** means that you have discussed the nomination with the nominee and the person has agreed to submit their name to the nominating committee for possible selection for a Heart of the South board position.

A nomination form should be completed for each person nominated. You may make additional forms by use of a copier or just provide the appropriate information. Since this is information which is used for screening final ballot nominations, **please give information as complete as possible.**

Mail form by September 15th to:

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Awards & Nominations Chair

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