



**Algonquin District Annual Meeting  
Notes  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
St James the Less Church Scarsdale**

**Presiding District Chair Edward Mann  
Presiding District Nominating Vice Chair Dominick Curatola**

1. Welcome: Algonquin District's "Unit Centric" philosophy towards district service and representing the youth and the Units we serve was affirmed. District efforts to advance the scouting program through treasury initiative, sponsoring organization and youth/adult member growth, Unit need driven program development, adult and youth training initiative, youth advancement, increasing community awareness of Scout Units, and the quality of camping opportunities are our ongoing focus.
2. Nominating Committee: E. Mann reviewed the selection of the Nominating Committee. Unit Leaders who were asked to serve represent the communities comprising the Algonquin District and are leaders in the Units they serve and in their community in general.
3. District Members at Large: E. Mann stated that each member at large standing for reelection or for first time election was contacted during the past two months by a member of the nominating committee, by District Director D. Conniff or by the District Chair E. Mann to determine if he/she wished to continue in the capacity as a Member at Large and which committee of the district he/she would actively participate on. It was stressed that it is through Committee work that the District serves the best interest of the Units in the District. (See the listing with committee identification attached. If you wish to join a committee of the district or have any questions, please contact Ed Mann.)
4. Election: The meeting was turned over to the Vice Chairperson of the Nominating Committee D. Curatola. Yzette Swavy-Lipton agreed to serve as Program Chair, and Bob Shera as Membership Development Chair. The following were unanimously elected;

**Report of the District Nominating Committee  
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Nominations**

DISTRICT CHAIR	Edward Mann
DISTRICT VICE-CHAIR	Mike Amico & Michael Coughlin
*DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	William Langham

\*The commissioner's name goes on the slate of District Members at Large, but is offered by the nominating committee for appointment and approval by the council Executive Board and with the concurrence of the Scout Executive. The District Commissioner is not elected at the district annual meeting.

**DISTRICT MEMBERS-AT – LARGE {In Attendance and Voted}**

{Chris Alba}	{Mike Amico}
Tony Blandi	Brad Bodine
Sean Byrne	Brendan Clarke
Richard Colety	Michael Coughlin
{Dominick Curatola}	{Charlie Deschamps}
{Michael Farrell}	John Graham
Gordon Hamilton	William Hopkins
{Paul Knudsvig}	William Langham
{Yzette Lipton}	{Prudy Lenhard}
{Edward Mann}	Lucretia Mann
Matthew Mann	{Mary Jane Mason}
Robert Mehlich	Art Prifti
{Thomas Robb}	Richard Schraudner
{Alphonse Tozzi}	Kathy Vajda
Greg Vajda	Catherine White

**Signed:** **2010 District Nominating Committee**

Michael. Coughlin -Chairperson  
Dominick Curatola – Vice Chair  
Moe Acevedo  
Brad Bodine  
Marty Bradt  
Tim Farrell  
William Hopkins  
Robert Mehlich  
Greg Vajda

Daniel Conniff- Prof Advisor

5. Algonquin District Committee / Position Descriptions: A set of committee responsibilities was distributed for review by District Members. These committee/position responsibilities will be reviewed and moved for approval at the May District meeting at which time District Committee training will also occur.
6. New Business:
  - a. Dan Conniff, District Director, thanked the Algonquin District for the support of the Council calendar ad sales and the effort extended to make those ads possible. The ads raised \$4,900 towards the Algonquin District's community FOS campaign goal.
  - b. The 2010 Nominating Committee was thanked for a "job well done".
  - c. Committee Members at Large were thanked for their continuing and dedicated service on the many Committees of the District. Some previously active District Leaders indicated that they cannot be actively involved in District Operations during the coming year and have therefore been added to the Scouter Inactive Reserve list so they might continue to receive District News awaiting their ability to become more active given their time availability.
  - d. P. Lenhard is the Chair for the District's "Fastest in the Pack" Cub Scout **Pinewood Derby** competition on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - e. The Council **Centennial Camporee** starts on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. P. Knudsvig is leading the charge on planning the May 22-23 Cub Scout **Akela** with P. Mottola Chairing the day's activities.
  - g. The Council's Annual **Silver Beaver Dinner** is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. An Algonquin table has been reserved. Please sign up to attend ASAP.
  - h. A discussion ensued regarding the awareness of religion specific Religious Awards for youth and a need for the District to promote this program to the Units in the District. Bob Willet is Council's Religious Award Coordinator.
  - i. District **Award of Merit** nominations are due in Council's office attention Algonquin District Award of Merit Committee by APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>!!!!
  - j. **District Commissioner Award of Excellence** nominations should be submitted at the next Unit Commissioner's meeting.
  - k. Kathy Pascale from Troop 4 Scarsdale and Kalpana Thenmalai from Troop 60 Scarsdale attended and registered as committee members.
  - l. S. Pepi, District Executive, alerted the Committee to be on the lookout for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing program opportunities.
    - i. Cub Scout Basketball Pin & Belt Loop Clinic @ Fordham University: Rose Hill Campus on May 8<sup>th</sup> 10am- 12pm.
    - ii. Cub Scout Viewing Experience @ Burns Film Center in Pleasantville on May 23, 1:00pm to 2:30pm.
    - iii. Contact District Executive Sierra Pepi at [Spepi@wpbsa.org](mailto:Spepi@wpbsa.org).
  - m. The **District Recognition BBQ** is scheduled for Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Reserve by June 11.
  - n. Unit Leaders are needed currently to plan a Boy Scout activity for the late Fall as per the District Calendar. Please contact Yzette Swavy-Lipton, Dan Conniff or Ed Mann if you can participate in beginning the planning for this fall event during the months of May and June.
  - o. Unit adults willing to serve their Units as Unit Commissioners in a "Key Three" concept, please contact Dan Conniff or District Commissioner Bill Langham. See description attached.
  - p. All District Members are asked to attend the District Training which is scheduled for the May District Meeting. This session will be focused at planning for the 2010-2011 District year, and the roles and responsibilities of the District and District Committees.
7. Closing with refreshments.

## **Algonquin District Members- at Large Committee Service:**

(IF YOU NOTE ANY ERROS OR ERRORS OF OMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY SO I MAY CORRECT THE MISTAKE. Please accept my apologies in advance.)

1. Chris Alba Adv Chair
2. Mike Amico Vice Chair, Bowl O Ree Chair, BBQ Chair, FOS
3. Tony Blandi Adv
4. Brad Bodine Community FOS, Activities, Nom Comm
5. Sean Byrne Training, Activities
6. Brendan Clarke BS Activities
7. Richard Colety BS Activities
8. Michael Coughlin Vice Chair, Community FOS, Nom Chair
9. Dominick Curatola Nom Vice Chair
10. Charlie Deschamps Adv
11. Michael Farrell Adv Vice Chair
12. John Graham Dist. Aw of Merit Comm
13. Gordon Hamilton BS Activities
14. William Hopkins FOS, CS Activities
15. Paul Knudsvig Training Chair, FOS, Camp Promo, Activities
16. William Langham Training, BS Activities
17. Yzette Lipton Program Chair, Membership
18. Prudy Lenhard CS Training, CS Activities
19. Edward Mann Dist Chair, FOS, Adv, Train, BBQ, Membership
20. Lucretia Mann Membership
21. Matthew Mann Camping Chair, Adv, Dist Aw of Merit Comm
22. Mary Jane Mason Dist Award of Merit Chair, CS Training & Activ
23. Robert Mehlich Community FOS, Membership
24. Art Prifti Membership, Activities
25. Thomas Robb Recognition, Dist Aw of Merit Comm
26. Richard Schraudner Woodbadge
27. Alphonse Tozzi Camp Comm
28. Kathy Vajda CS Adv
29. Greg Vajda Adv, Nom Comm, BS Activities
30. Catherine White Public Relations Comm