

Nominations and Elections

ICES is governed by a totally volunteer Board of Directors elected by you, the members. This election will be held during the General Membership Meeting on Friday August 13, 2010 at the 35th Annual Convention and Show in San Diego, CA. It is every member's responsibility to participate in this election.

If you are unable to personally attend this meeting, we offer options that will allow you to participate in this election.

You may vote by Absentee Ballot. An absentee ballot will allow a member to vote on the list of candidates as it appears on the following pages. Requests for absentee ballots for more than one member may be presented in a single mailing, fax or e-mail (Board Action 8-03). Multiple requests may be presented in a single mailing or e-mail but will be returned to each individual member. Requests must be sent to Beth Lee Spinner, 12 Timber Trail, Columbia, CT 06237-1418, or by e-mail to blspinner@sbcglobal.net. Please put **Absentee Ballot Request** in the subject line if making an e-mail request. Requests must include member's name, address, phone number and date. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURN-POSTMARKED BY JULY 29, 2010.**

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS: Due to distance and mail delays, please request and return absentee ballots to Beth Lee Spinner as soon as possible so your ballot will be received prior to convention.

The other method that is available to you is Proxy Voting. Bylaws Article IV, Section 5A states: "... All members shall have the right of voting by proxy. A proxy may only be assigned to a member in good standing of this organization. Proxies must be in writing following the provided format, be dated and bear the original signature of the member and must be filed with the Recording Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to any meeting of the membership. ... A proxy may be dated no more than three (3) months before the meeting and will expire with the adjournment of the meeting for which it was issued. The proxy is revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it. No more than five (5) proxies may be voted by any one (1) person at any meeting." By exercising your right to vote by proxy, you assign your voting rights to another member. This designated member will vote ***in your place*** on matters requiring a vote at the General Membership Meeting. **PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL TO WHOM YOU ASSIGN YOUR PROXY.** While you may instruct them how to place your vote, once your proxy has been assigned the person carrying it may vote in any manner they choose. **YOUR PROXY SHOULD ONLY BE ASSIGNED TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST WHO IS OF LIKE MIND.**

What is the difference between the two methods of voting? Absentee voting allows you complete control over choosing the candidates for whom you wish to vote. However you will be unaware of any nominations from the floor or withdrawals from the ballot. Any proposed amendments to the bylaws may also be voted by absentee ballot. Your absentee ballot must be requested early and your vote will only count if the absentee ballot is postmarked by the above date and received before the convention. Also, you will have no voice in any other items that may be brought to a vote at the General Membership Meeting.

Proxy voting allows the designated person to consider changes in the ballot and vote accordingly. Also since a proxy only needs to be presented to the Recording Secretary 24 hours in advance of the General Membership Meeting, those members who have a change of plans at the last minute may still have a voice in the election. Any member wishing to assign a proxy should do so by using his/her original signature and the approved format below.

Please address any questions regarding either absentee or proxy voting to Beth Lee Spinner, Nominations and Elections Chairman, 12 Timber Trail, Columbia, CT 06237-1418, or by e-mail to blspinner@sbcglobal.net.

ICES Proxy Format

Board action 2-09

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Please provide the following information:

Date: _____ (no more than three months prior to the Membership Meeting)

I, _____, being a member in good standing of the
(clearly printed member's name)

International Cake Exploration Societé, (ICES), do hereby give _____, also a
(name and address of person assigned)

member in good standing of ICES, the authority to vote on my behalf on any matters brought before the membership at any Membership Meeting. I understand that I have the right to cancel the proxy at any time. I understand that this proxy will expire upon the adjournment of this meeting.

Proxies must be filed 24 hours prior to any Membership Meeting. Proxy voting sheets may be picked up outside the Membership Meeting from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Please provide the following information:

Member's original signature _____ Membership ID number _____

Member's mailing address _____

Member's phone number _____ Member's e-mail address _____

Return proxies to the ICES Recording Secretary or to the Proxy Registration Table at convention.

ICES Officer and Board of Director Nominees

Nominees for President

Mary Jo Dowling (MA) ~ An ICES member for five (5) years, Mary Jo is the State Representative for the Massachusetts Chapter. She is currently Chairman of the Awards Committee on the Board of Directors, and also serves on the Historical, Logo, Publicity, Recap and Scholarship Committees. Mary Jo was an art director for 15 years, with experience in web design and maintenance, as well as logo and corporate identity development. She also has publication and publicity, and corporate event convention experience. Mary Jo is a teacher of cake decorating techniques, a judge, and has demonstrated at both the 2008 and 2009 conventions. She was Chairman for the Publications and Internet Committee for the 2009 St. Charles convention, and was awarded ICES Certified Master Sugar Artist (CMSA) certification at St. Charles.

Beth Lee Spinner (CT) ~ An ICES member for over 20 years, Beth is owner of a licensed home bakery where she has been decorating for over 30 years. She now concentrates on teaching, and also serves as a judge at many competitions. She has been Representative, Alternate Rep and Secretary at the local ICES/Chapter level, and also served as President, Secretary and Treasurer of Connecticut's earlier local cake club. Previously on the Board of Directors from 1999-2002, Beth is currently a first year Board member after serving seven years as Representative Moderator. She is Representative Liaison and Chairs the Representative and Nominations/Elections Committees, and also serves on the Bylaws, Ethics, International and Newsletter Committees. Attending ICES conventions since 1991 and volunteering at most, she was on the Publicity Committee for the 2009 St. Charles convention, where she was also a demonstrator. Beth has over 30 years of experience in administrative business, including technical office skills, consumer interaction, public speaking and printing/proofing training. Currently studying to achieve Parliamentarian Certification, she is a co-Event Director of a two-day cake competition held every February; a venue for the sharing of the sugar arts and a publicity vehicle for ICES.

Nominees for Vice-President

Gerald De Keuster (NM) ~ A member of ICES for just over eight (8) years, Gerald is a second year Board member. He served as the New Mexico Representative for two years and has been a member for five (5) years of the New Mexico Cake Club. He is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of his Condo Board, which covers 352 residents. As a current second year Board member, Gerald is Chairman of the Chapters Committee, and serves on the Property & Records Management and Scholarship Committees.

Oleta Edwards (MO) -- Oleta has been a member of ICES for 19 years and has chaired and served on many committees as a previous Board member. She was the Missouri Representative for four years and Alternate Representative for eight years. She chaired committees for the 1995, 1999 and 2003 conventions. A recipient of the Wilbur Brand Memorial Service Award for her service to ICES, Oleta has decorated cakes for 37 years and has taught cake decorating to adults and children. She volunteers to do sugar art seminars for senior centers and nursing homes. Until the local cake club disbanded, Oleta was a founding member and officer for a number of years. Oleta retired after 40 years as supervisor at a large university research library. A current second-year Board member, she serves on the Awards, Convention, Demonstrations, Hall of Fame, Membership, and Ways and Means Committees, and also serves as a new Board member mentor.

Maria Kovacs (ON) ~ Maria has been a member of ICES for the past ten (10) years. She is a teacher of cake decorating classes in Ontario, Canada and often travels abroad to take sugar art classes. Along with being bilingual, speaking Spanish and English, she has 20 years of sale experience in the computer industry. Maria loves to learn and meet people, and she has very good people skills. Her positive attitude is displayed in all of her work and she is willing to help everyone she can. A second year Board member, Maria is currently the International Liaison, Is the Chair for the International Committee, and serves on the Historical, Job Descriptions, Representative and Ways and Means Committees.

Nominees for Recording Secretary

Cindy Marshall (MA) ~ A member of the ICES organization for eight years, Cindy has been in the business world for over 30 years. She has worked in the software, medical and real estate professions, and has been employed as an office manager in marketing, trade shows and publications. She is a second year Board member, currently serving as Recording Secretary. Cindy has been involved in cake decorating since 1984. She currently Chairs the Property and Records Management Committee, and serves on the Budget and Finance, Bylaws, Ethics, and Internet Committees.

Nominees for Corresponding Secretary

Linda Fontana (NE) -- Linda has been a member of ICES for the past 22 years and served as Show Director for the 2007 convention. She served two terms as the Nebraska State Representative and is a former Board member. Linda is employed by Mangelsen's, one of the largest independently owned craft stores. She is a teacher and a buyer for the cake decorating department. Through her work in the retail business and ICES through the years, Linda has the necessary background and knowledge to serve the membership and to help ICES continue to grow. As a first-year Board member, Linda serves on the Awards, Bylaws, Demonstrations, Hall of Fame, Chapters, Membership, and Publicity Committees, and is the Convention Committee Chair.

Barbara Sullivan (AL) -- An ICES member for seven years, Barbara has also served as ICES Representative for two years and Alternate Representative for four years. She has owned her own custom design cake business for seven years and has been decorating cakes for 23 years. Barbara is a second-year Board member, currently serving as Corresponding Secretary. She is chair for the Historical Committee, and serves as a member of the Century Club, Ethics, Hall of Fame, and Shop Owners Committees. Her 13 years of administrative work experience have included meeting planning, conducting classes, correspondence, and training with the issuance of awards.

NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carmen Flores (Peru) -- A member of ICES for the past six years, Carmen is the current ICES Representative for Peru. She speaks English and Spanish and is active in the caring and sharing of ICES. She was involved as a volunteer at the New Orleans convention, and has attended conventions and Midyear meetings to increase her knowledge of the ICES organization. Her computer skills in various software programs can only be an asset.

Barbara Kelly (MD) -- Barbara has been a member of ICES for the past 18 years. She is the current Representative for her state, serving two terms, and has been Alternate Representative for eight years. She worked on the 1996 Show Committee and was volunteer chair of the 2004 Convention and Show. Barbara has been a member of the Greater Washington Area Cake Club for 35 years, serving as President for two years and Treasurer for four. She is also a 12-year member of CASANOVA, having served as President for six of those years. Barbara was the Vendor/Teacher/Demonstrator Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Cake Show from 2006-2008, and is now the chair for the same committee with the National Capital Area Cake Show, 2009-2010. She is also the recipient of the 2010 Sweet Life Service Award for her volunteer work.

Heidi Schoentube (PA) -- Heidi Schoentube has been an ICES member for 13 years and has served as the Pennsylvania Representative and Alternate Representative for a combined total of five years. She served on the Board of Directors from 2005-2008. During her term, she studied ICES Bylaws, worked with Recap, and was chair of the Historical Committee. Heidi founded the Lehigh Valley Cake Club and has served as one of their officers. She has been on the Board of Directors for the Master Bakers Business Association, an affiliate of the RBA, and a Girl Scout Leader for many years. She owned her own shop for more than ten years and is a lifetime member of the NRA. She is knowledgeable in many ICES tasks and programs and is a hard worker, committing to all tasks assigned.

Ballot & Proxy Information

The ICES Bylaws state that all proxies must be turned in 24 hours prior to the General Membership Meeting. The proxies may be turned in at the proxy drop-off table or to the Recording Secretary, Cindy Marshall.

The tentative convention schedule shows the proxy drop-off table will be open in the Atlas Foyer during the following times:

Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 9am-6pm

Thursday, Aug. 12 from 8am-10am

On Friday, Aug. 13, lines will be open from 7am to 9am for proxy and ballot pick up in the Town and Country Lobby.

Floor Nominations

Anyone wishing to make nominations from the floor for Officers or ICES Board of Directors at the General Membership Meeting are requested to submit nominations and acceptance forms and nominees' résumés to the Nominations and Elections Chairman Beth Lee Spinner, before the beginning of the General Membership Meeting.

Beth Lee Spinner, *Nominations/Elections Chair*

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