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You bet!

Where may I find the nomination form?

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When will membership on the two committees be announced?

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What if I am (or the person I will nominate is) only interested in serving on one of the committees?

Don't worry, there's a check box for that.

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