TO: Patrick Birmingham

FROM: Ken Whalen
DATE: October 18, 2006

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee

Thanks so much, Patrick, for accepting President Jeremy Halbreich's request to serve on this year's Board of Directors Nominating Committee.

Serving with you will be committee chairman Larry Walker, Jeremy Halbreich, Darrell Coleman, and Nelson Clyde IV.

The purpose of the nominating committee is to fill three openings – by nominating two new people and re-nominating one present board member.

Buddy King leaves the board at the end of this year after completing three years, and one of the new candidates will fill his position.

Last year, when Gary Borders was elected treasurer, Olaf Frandsen was appointed to complete Borders' last year as a director. After completing one year on the board, Frandsen is now to be re-nominated for a two-year term so that he can complete a full three years on the board.

Larry Walker leaves the board after completing his rotation through the officer chairs, and his vacancy is automatically filled by the election of the 2007 treasurer. Since Nelson Clyde IV has been elected treasurer, the committee will select another new candidate to fill his remaining two-year term.

What it all boils down to is that this year's nominating committee will:

- 1) Select <u>one new individual</u> to serve a full three-year term on the board.
- 2) Select <u>one new individual</u> to fill a two-year term.
- 3) Nominate <u>Olaf Frandsen</u> for a two-year term
- 4) Select one individual as an <u>alternate</u> to be a candidate only if one of the two new individuals you nominate for open slots declines.

Committee chairman Walker will be prepared to submit names for your consideration and members of the committee may offer names for consideration.

Enclosed is a packet of materials to help the committee facilitate the nomination process.

The committee will meet by telephone conference call to select the nominees and the call has been tentatively set for <u>10:00 a.m. Thursday</u>, <u>October 26, 2006</u>. You must <u>call in</u> to join this teleconference, and you can do so from any location. <u>The call-in number and nstructions for joining the call will be faxed to you early next week.</u>

If you have any questions after reviewing this mailing please give me a call. Again, thanks for agreeing to be a member of this important committee.

cc: Jeremy Halbreich, Larry Walker

Enclosed: Board photo sheet 2006 TDNA directory

Nominating committee roster Board demographics sheet

List of past officers and board membersList of member newspapers by circulation Copy of last year's ballot and cover memo with publishers names