

QOC Election Results and Notes of Appreciation

The QOC election results are in and I am pleased to report that the entire slate of officers was resoundingly elected. As the out-going President, I am particularly elated to welcome and congratulate Don Fish as the new club President. I know that Don is going to do a great job. We are also very fortunate to have Craig Shelden agree to serve as one of the Maryland VP's. In addition, I would like to express the collective gratitude of all members for the returning officers and directors, who devote a great deal of time and energy to making QOC one of the most successful and active clubs in the entire country, including: Mike Newman, Charles Carrick, Bill Wright, Karla Hulett, Laura Linville, Greg Lennon, Kathleen Lennon, Ted Good, & Dasa Merkova. A thousand thank you's to all of you.

I would remiss in not recognizing the tremendous contributions that Tom Nolan and Jon Torrance have made over many many years of involvement in the club. Both Tom and Jon will be rotating off the Board this year, but I am certain their devotion to the club and love of the sport will keep them involved in other ways going forward.

My personal thanks to Heidi Onkst for chairing the nominating committee for the past several years. Both Heidi and Dave step-up and take on whatever they are asked to do on behalf of the club and they do an amazing job. Amy Loudon and Valerie Meyer are two other club volunteers who deserve a special shout-out of recognition for the extraordinary contribution they make in managing the ePunch operation at each and every event during the year. Boris Granovskiy's work with the junior training activities has been exceptional. And summer wouldn't be the same, without Peggy Dickison's coordination of the very informal summer training series. Francis Hogle has been a longtime Board member and mapper extraordinaire and has been a great sounding board for me as we alternated carpooling to Board meetings over the past several years. Sidney Sachs is also one of the amazing QOC volunteers, who has been active in the club for over 50 years (including serving as club President), and he has been an invaluable source of data and information concerning both recent event statistics and the club's history.

There are so many volunteers who make this fantastic club work, it would be impossible for me to list everyone, because I know I would inadvertently leave out a name. Please know that I speak for the entire membership in voicing a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteer mappers, course setters, meet directors, event staff and control pickup crews that make it possible for QOC to stage so many great events each year.

In addition to the election of officers, the Club voted overwhelmingly to support the \$5 membership dues increase, which will take effect on October 1st. The Board believes that this measure will help secure the financial base of the club and allow it to remain strong in the years ahead.

It has been my privilege to serve as the QOC President for the past 5 years. I thank the Officers, Directors and members for the wonderful support that you have afforded me during my term in office. I look forward to being involved and active in my new capacity on the Board as the IPP. I especially look forward, as I am sure all members do, to getting back to orienteering and hopefully making some good route choices. See you in the woods!

Jody Landers