



EMC News

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Submitted by Susan Brock

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the EMC these past three years. Your talents and hard work make me proud of the EMC and its many accomplishments. The entire community is fortunate to have such a group of intelligent, dedicated, and hardworking people working on environmental issues. As I take off my Chair's hat, I tip it to each one of you.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Karen Edelstein

Steve Nicholson is the sole nominee for the EMC Chair position. Following a clarification by Herb Engman, Steve is now currently the only nominee for the next chair of the EMC. Long-time EMC veteran Herb had offered to step in as a nominee only if there were no other candidates, but since Steve was more than willing to run for leadership of the Council, Herb has withdrawn his name from the ballot. The Nominating Committee had misunderstood Herb's original intention, and apologizes for any confusion.

Thanks to Herb for his willingness to throw his hat into the ring. And, of course, kudos to Susan Brock for her several years of exemplary chairing of the EMC. It should be an exciting year ahead!

The official vote on the EMC chair will take place at our December meeting. Nominations for three vice-chairs will be solicited at this same meeting, with voting at the January 2003 meeting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Heather McDaniel

For those of you who did not attend the last EMC meeting, the Planning Department has rearranged its work program and as a result, I will no longer be providing administrative support to the EMC. However, I will continue to work with the EMC on specific programs and projects the Planning Department is involved in.

Kathy Wilsea, the Planning Department Secretary, has been assigned the responsibility of providing direct EMC support. This will include preparing agendas and correspondence, scheduling meetings, taking minutes, and providing necessary routine follow-up to the EMC. You can reach her in the Planning Department at 274-5560 or by e-mail at kwilsea@tompkins-co.org.

The EMC is composed of members who are both knowledgeable and thoughtful. In the past nine months that I have spent as the EMC Coordinator, I have seen firsthand the value of your work. The Board of Representatives relies on the EMC for guidance and assistance, and takes action on your proposed recommendations. I wish you all the best in your continued efforts to protect the environment we love in Tompkins County.

I will look forward to working with the EMC in my new capacity.

See you at the next EMC Meeting!
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