



I'm happy to announce that 2010 is election year for the Black Public Relations Society of Chicago. In October, we will elect a president, executive vice president and a secretary.

The nominating period is now open.

The board has approved the following protocol for the nomination process:

Qualifications

The president and executive vice president must have at least 7 years of experience in public relations, corporate communications, community relations, government relations or public affairs. Each must also have been a paid BPRS Chicago member for at least 1 of the past 8 years.

The secretary must have at least 5 years of experience in public relations, corporate communications, community relations, government relations or public affairs. This person must also have been a paid BPRS Chicago member for at least 1 of the past 8 years.

Nominee Criteria

Nominees must have a current BPRS membership and must submit the following:

- A 200 word essay, posted on our website, regarding their vision for BPRS Chicago.
- Resume
- Two references

Nominees must submit these materials to bprsoc@yahoo.com or to BPRS Chicago, P.O. Box 42, Flossmoor, IL 60422 by August 31.

The nominating committee--Jeri Bingham, vice president of membership, Paul Davis, immediate past president and I-- will ensure that all nominees meet the above criteria. It will have sole discretion to select no more than 5 candidates to present to the body for each position. The committee will also ensure that all final nominees have a fair and equal opportunity to present themselves to the members of BPRS Chicago.

Pre-election schedule

Everyone who'd like to vote and/or run for an office must have a current, paid annual BPRS Chicago membership. You may either send your full annual membership dues of \$50, \$25 for students, to BPRS Chicago, P.O. Box 42, Flossmoor IL 60422 OR you can make plans to join us at our upcoming events.

Summer Mood Swings, our summer networking event, will take place on Thursday, August 5 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ven Sherrod's Image Gallery, 1906 S. Halsted St., Chicago. If you arrive before 6 p.m., you pay only \$15. After 6 p.m., the donation is \$20. No debit/credit cards accepted.

Plus, at Summer Mood Swings only, you can add an annual membership for only \$25 more (a \$50 value).

On August 12, we will present a panel discussion on crisis communications. Please be on the lookout for more information about this event.

On Sept. 9, the nominating committee will present final nominees to the full membership, by posting their credentials, as appropriate, on bpschicago.org

We will present a candidates forum on Sept. 23, and the BPRS Chicago annual meeting and elections are scheduled for Oct. 21.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Jeri Bingham at jbingham@marchofdimes.com. If you have any questions about the nominations process or elections, please drop a line to bpsoc@yahoo.com.

Thank you.
David Rudd
President, BPRS Chicago