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Appointment of new members of the General Service Board

Alcoholic members of the General Service Board are appointed on the basis of one from each of the 16 regions.

In addition, a region whose Trustee is elected to serve as Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer of the Board shall be entitled to submit new nominations for another Trustee to take the place of the member elected to serve in one of these offices. Trustees appointed under this provision shall serve a full term of membership.

At least six months before the retirement of an alcoholic member, the Secretary of the Board will notify the region which the retiring member represents, and invite the region to submit the names of suitable candidates for consideration by the Board. This invitation will be accompanied by nomination forms and reference copies of The Good Trustee Guide and Introduction to the Board.

Regions are requested to nominate at least two candidates in order to afford the Board the opportunity to select the candidate whose personal qualities are most needed at a particular time. This may mean that an excellent candidate whose experience and aptitudes are already matched in the existing membership may be less suitable than another candidate who could make a unique contribution to the work of the Board.

If a region will not have had a trustee on the GSB for at least two years at the time of ratification at Conference, then a single candidate may be nominated by that region for interview by the GSB's Nominations Committee. Best practice will still be for a minimum of two candidates to be put forward.

It should be remembered that the Nominations Committee can already recommend that no proposed candidate is accepted and that a single candidate might not be recommended to the GSB.

In considering who to nominate, regions should bear in mind the service of former office bearers who may no longer be active but whose experience would make them especially suitable for Board membership. Regions will wish to give careful consideration to the suggested qualifications for Board membership outlined in previous paragraphs