
REQUEST FOR 2025-2026 DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND GOVERNOR-ELECT CANDIDATES

The Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International is seeking qualified candidates for Governor and Governor-Elect for the 2025-2026 term in office.

First, some clarification. At our District Convention back in August, we failed to have a candidate for Governor-Elect. Subsequently, our current Governor-Elect was appointed to that position by our District Board of Trustees on October 19, 2024. District Bylaws stipulate:

Article 7, Section 3, a.

“The nominating and election procedure for officers to be elected at the annual convention shall be as follows: a. The Governor-elect shall be the sole candidate for the office of Governor. However, in any year in which the Governor-elect was not previously elected by the district house of delegates or is no longer qualified to hold the office, other qualified candidates shall be permitted. “

Therefore, additional qualified candidates may declare their candidacy for the office of Governor for 2025-2026.

The definition of “qualified candidate” is as follows:

Article 3, Section 2, d.

“The Governor and Governor-elect shall: have served as a Lieutenant Governor of a division in the Pennsylvania District; have been an active member** of one or more Kiwanis Clubs in the Pennsylvania District for at least six (6) years; and shall have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.”

All qualified candidates for offices to be elected at the annual convention must submit written notice of candidacy to the District Secretary no later than the beginning of the first convention business session. In lieu of a separate District Convention this year, the District Business Session and House of Delegates will be held the afternoon of Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Therefore, all qualified candidates should notify our District Secretary, Melissa Simpson, no later than May 28, 2025 to give time to file the necessary paperwork, and undergo the required background check, with Kiwanis International.

We encourage any member who qualifies and feels capable of fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of these positions to declare his or her candidacy. For more information, review our District Bylaws which can be found on our website k23.site.kiwanis.org, under “Member Resources.”

To apply for either of these positions, go to the Pennsylvania District website, k23.site.kiwanis.org, drop down on "Member Resources" to "District Leaders Self-Service Forms." The "Governor-Elect Candidacy Form" can be used for either position.

Feel free to contact District Secretary [Melissa Simpson](#) with any questions or concerns.

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