



International Academy of Mediators

Scholar in Residence Report

October, 2020

Dear Board:

I hope this finds all of you and yours well and coping with the challenges of the pandemic.

As you know, the tenure of our two Scholars in Residence expires this year and we have been actively seeking applications for a replacement(s).

Our search began with postings on several academic web sites this past Spring. This careful process continued with my solicitation a few months later of nominations/suggestions from our membership, many of who replied with proposed names. Once I received these recommendations from our membership, I followed-up individually with each such suggested candidate by making a specific request of each of them, if they were interested, to make application per an attached detailed process mirroring what we had originally posted.

The application exercise closed on September 30 and I am presently in the process of scheduling follow-up personal interviews with every applicant. I am hoping to have the interview phase completed within the next 3-4 weeks, after which I will submit a supplemental report covering each of the applicants, along with observations and suggestions for the Board in its deliberation.

We have a very good roster of candidates, disclosure of which is presently reserved until vetting is complete and there is final consideration. In any event, you will receive a report on each of them once the interviews are complete.

Accordingly, and as a "heads up", it will probably be necessary to convene a special meeting of the Board for consideration of the appointment after I have submitted the final report. I shall confer with Messrs. Fidler and Rejino in order to facilitate that process and meeting.

Thank you and with all good wishes,

Jerry Weiss