

Invitation to all TOCICO Members,

Subject: Nominations for Election to the Board of Directors

TOCICO was created in November 2001:

- To provide industry (organizations, education providers and individuals) with an internationally recognized standard to assess the level of expertise of Theory of Constraints professionals (academics, practitioners, implementers)
- To administer the Certification process for TOC professionals around the world.
- To promote the TOC Body of Knowledge and professional integrity of the Certified TOC Professionals.

TOCICO is a non-profit organization managed by volunteers who desire to help achieve these purposes. The Board of Directors is 5 to 9 individuals elected by the TOCICO membership to oversee, plan, manage, direct and represent the membership of TOCICO. The duties of the Board and Officers elected by the Board are listed in the By Laws (on [www.TOCICO.org](http://www.TOCICO.org) under the "Join TOCICO" Tab, at "Policies" on the pull down menu) <http://www.tocico.org/?page=ByLaws>.

Board members serve staggered terms for three years. Each year about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Board steps down or runs for re-election (elected board member can serve for two terms then must wait at least a year to run again).

This year, the elections will be held for three positions of the Board at the TOCICO Annual International Conference at Palisades, New York, June 13-16. You do not have to attend to be elected. But you must be nominated to be on the Election Ballot. Any TOCICO member in good standing may place in nomination the name of any eligible member, including him or herself.

TOCICO membership is growing and is worldwide. It is very hard to know everyone. So, this year we will again encourage each nominee for the Board of Directors to submit both a written resume and a video clip which outlines their experience and desire to serve TOCICO. Instructions on submitting a nomination are on the TOCICO website under the "New on TOCICO" tab, item BOD Nominations [http://www.tocico.org/?page=call\\_for\\_nominees&hhSearchTerms=elections](http://www.tocico.org/?page=call_for_nominees&hhSearchTerms=elections).

I hope many of you will nominate the best to be members of the Board of Directors.

James R. Holt  
Chairperson of the Nominating Committee  
TOCICO Board of Directors

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Now, on a personal note. I've served on the Board for five years and would like to share a bit of insight about the Board.

People often think of the Board of Directors as a highly paid group that meet rarely to advise the CEO. The TOCICO Board is different. The Board is first unpaid. Second the Board meets monthly (normally by video conferencing). Thirdly, the Board is a working Board. All Board members have specific assignments and are responsible to oversee areas of TOCICO. Between the meetings, Board members work on their assignments (and with other members of committees) and bring to the Board Meeting the results of their work. There are frequent email discussions between board members where all Board members are involved in making decisions. Sometimes the Board votes by email; sometimes in the board meetings.

There are no specific TOC qualifications necessary to be on the Board of Directors. But, TOC skills are surely helpful. Board members talk a lot about the certification process in general and in specifics.

Board members are expected to take an active role on the Board. Members oversee: the certification exam committees, the international conference, the regional conferences, marketing, recertification process, finances, membership rules and services, appeals, audits, and other items as necessary.

Sometimes things happen that a member of the Board cannot fulfill the full turn of their election. In these cases, the Board of Directors may invite a member TOCICO to fill out that vacancy until the next election.

The Board has a Personal Services Contract with Carol Ptak to act as our General Manager. Carol provides direction and the day to day management services of TOCICO.  
([admin@tocico.org](mailto:admin@tocico.org))

Again, I hope many of you would like to serve on the TOCICO Board of Directors. TOCICO needs good leadership by experienced individuals who have vision and vitality to support TOC.

However, even if you are not elected to the Board of Directors there are plenty of places to serve. Volunteer organizations always need volunteers.

We need more volunteers for the TOCICO Certification Exam Committees (those who write and continually upgrade the certification exams). We need additional committee members on the:

- Fundamentals Exam Committee
- Supply Chain Logistics Exam Committee
- Finance & Measures Exam Committee
- Project Management Exam Committee
- Thinking Process Committee
- Business Strategy Committee
- TOC in Education Committee
- Health Care Interest Group

In addition, we need graders for each of these exams. Graders must be qualified at the practitioner level in the specific exam area. Graders receive a small payment for each exam graded.

If you desire to serve, contact [admin@tocico.org](mailto:admin@tocico.org).