

COUNCIL ON COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

2011-2012 COCA Nominating Committee Annual Report

Committee Members:

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What happened over the last year?

- Throughout the year, the committee and several volunteers from the COCA Steering Committee, worked hard on developing, revising, and simplifying some of the existing committee documents.
- A slate of nominees for open positions for the 2012 election cycle was solicited and received from the COCA membership. Ballots will be distributed during the morning and voting will take place during the evening meeting at the annual meeting.

Slate of 2012 Nominees

Secretary: Term 2013-2014

Member- at- Large Eastern Region: Term 2013-2016

Mitchell Levitz

Westchester Institute for Human Development, New York Medical College

Nominations for each position will be accepted from the floor:

Reminder: when voting for the positions, only 1 vote from each UCEDD will be counted.

- COCA is responsible for selecting a recipient of the annual AUCD COCA Award honoring the UCEDD that has exhibited the strongest commitment to support the full and active participation of self-advocates and family members on its Consumer Advisory Council. This annual award is selected by the committee and submitted to AUCD. The committee solicited and received nominations from the COCA membership. COCA and the entire network would like to congratulate **University of Washington UCEDD** on receiving this prestigious 2012 COCA award.

What are goals and activities for the next year?

- Continue the work on developing and simplifying committee documents. This will include the development of a document that identifies the timeline of COCA officer positions, the term of the position, and the number of terms. This timeline will coincide with the COCA Operational Rules and the COCA Steering Committee operational rules.

How did communication go over the last year?

- Communication over the time zones has always been difficult for COCA committees. The Nominating Committee utilized e-mail throughout the year for two thirds of the ongoing work that it completed.

What can be done better?

- Increase the size of the committee membership. This will allow new advocates to become familiar with the nominating process and the responsibilities of holding a position within COCA or on their local Consumer Advisory Committee.
- Involve a higher percentage of Nominating Committee members in the ongoing work accomplished throughout the year. Everyone's voice counts and the experience gained will be invaluable.

The Nominating Committee Co-Chairs would like to thank all of the committee members for their participation and hard work.