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MEMBERSHIP: Any person wanting to join the Society may do so at any stage during the year by completing a form and paying the appropriate fee. Joining Fee \$5.00 - Single \$20.00 - Family \$33.00.

AFFILIATIONS: Royal Australian Historical Society, NSW Association of Family History Societies, Museums Australia Inc & Regional Chapter.

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER MEETING: Thursday 27 October 2011 at 7:30pm

VENUE: Society Research Centre, Old Council Chambers Building,
Bowral Road, Mittagong

Our guest speaker will precede the general meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: Philip Morton
Philip will be presenting a talk on *Randolf Nott* and early resident of Bowral and how Notts Hill acquired its name.

SUPPER: To be served following the speaker - Members - please bring a plate or a donation.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Thursday 24 November 2011 at 7:30pm

VENUE: Society Research Centre, Old Council Chambers Building,
Bowral Road, Mittagong

TOPIC: AGM and General Meeting

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Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Tulip Time

- 1 **MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE**
- 10 School holidays conclude
- 13 Management Committee Meeting
- 27 Special Meeting and Monthly General Meeting - Talk by *Philip Morton on **Randolf Nott - an early resident of Bowral***
- 31 Office bearer nominations due
- 31 Notices of motion due

NOVEMBER

- 9 Tour to Thirlmere Trainworks (Bundanoon History Group)
- 10 Management Committee Meeting
- 17 Society tour to Sutton Forest
- 24 **AGM & Monthly Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 2 **Christmas Dinner**
- 8 Management Committee Meeting
- 13 **Archives close** at 4:00 pm for Christmas break.
- 20 School holidays commence
- 22 **NO** General Monthly Meeting
- 28 Society Museum Open Daily 10:00 am - 4:00 pm until 26 January 2012.

Membership reminder

As the Financial Year of the Society ended on 30 September 2011, memberships not renewed by **30 November 2011** will lapse. A renewal form was enclosed in the September 2010 issue of the Newsletter. It would be appreciated if members could return this completed form with their payment to assist the Membership Secretary with her recording of renewals. Thank you in anticipation of your prompt cooperation.

FAMILY \$33.00 SINGLE \$20.00

Annual reports Due now

A reminder to Officers - your annual reports for inclusion in the November newsletter are due **NOW**. Please email the Editor by **Friday 28 October 2011**.

Nominations please

In this month's Newsletter members will find a nomination form for next month's AGM. Please think about taking on a position, or perhaps being an understudy to someone. Forms must be returned to the Secretary by 31 October 2011.

New members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

Mrs Ann **Brown**, Dapto NSW
Mr Greg **Neighbour**, Bowral NSW
Mr Bill & Mrs Liz **Moore**, Bowral NSW
Mr Robert **Sloss**, Thirlmere NSW
Mr Stanley **Crocker**, Mittagong NSW

Research fees

The basic research fee for non-members is \$15.00 for email, telephone and postal enquiries and this same fee also applies to those attending the archives in person. Additional charges for copying and printing apply.

Scans of photographs may be obtained and can be supplied as quality photo prints (up to A4 size) or as digital images on CD. Price on application.

Archives Opening Hours

Opening hours are as follows:

Monday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Newsletter

Newsletter Deadline is **25th** of every month. It may be necessary to hold submissions after this date till the following month.

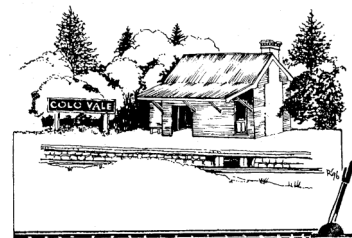
BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM

Market Place, Berrima
Near the bridge

OPENING HOURS

10 am - 4 pm.
Weekends, Public Holidays and
NSW Public School Holidays.
Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day
and Boxing Day.
Groups also welcome at other times
by arrangement.
Please telephone Bob or Gloria
on 4889 4405.

Colo Vale Book Launch



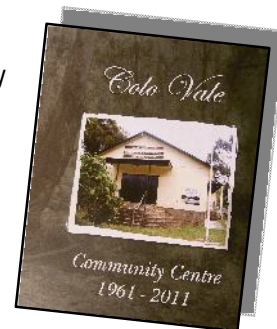
50 years ago the Community Centre was the venue for a fete organized by the Community Centre Assoc. to raise funds to complete the building. The building had no official opening and now, on **Saturday, 22 October, 2011** we are celebrating that first official event with the launch of the third and final book of the history of the village by Jeanette Schofield.

There will be a short programme commencing at **3pm in the Community Centre**, followed by afternoon tea. A collection of memorabilia will be on display.

During the morning the monthly village markets will be held and you are also invited to join us then for a sausage sizzle or sandwiches for lunch. For catering purposes, please contact Jeanette by **October 19**.

If you are unable to attend, the book will be available at \$15 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

Contact: Jeanette Schofield
PO Box 280 Mittagong NSW 2575
Phone: 4889 4129





Christmas Function

Friday 2 December 2011

Our Christmas function this year will again be held at the
Scottish Arms, Boardman Road, East Bowral
from 6:30pm for 7:00pm.

Cost to be advised

Includes Tea, Coffee and Orange Juice

Bookings and Payment are essential by Tuesday 22 November 2011
to the Archives 4872 2169

Could each person please bring a unisex gift to the value of \$5.00

There will be a Raffle and lucky door prizes.

We look forward to seeing you there!



From the President's Desk

Ken Reid

Senior Vice President

President Leonie is still on her extended leave of absence so here I am pressing keyboard keys for this article. Another month has flown away, and the Society's year is nearing its end. Our AGM will be held in November and Nomination Forms are included in this newsletter. All positions will be declared vacant for the Management Committee, and I hope any member that would be interested in standing for any position will nominate, especially if you feel you may have some expertise in a particular area. If you would like to talk about any position, please contact me. Positions to be elected are:- The President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and financial members to take the committee to a total of twelve. The following positions are appointed ones and are not automatically part of the Management Committee, and any members interested in any of these positions should complete the appointments form also included in this newsletter. - Archivist, Curator of the Museum, Minute Secretary, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Librarian, Property Officer and publicity officer. Again, if any member has an interest in any of these positions and would like to discuss it with me, please do so. A Museum sub-committee will also be elected.

A Special General Meeting will be held on 27 October to consider the proposed Society Constitution for adoption by Special resolution.

It is interesting to hear that during WSC consultation workshops on a proposal to establish a Regional Art Gallery at the old Mittagong Bowling Club site that a history

and heritage section may be included in the Gallery. Further details in a separate article in this newsletter.

As mentioned in the August newsletter a Father's Day Stall was recently held at the "Market Place". This proved a very successful event and special thanks to those members who volunteered to assist. A display was also held at the markets at Moss Vale Showground recently.

Linda Emery and Max Rogers will be attending the RAHS Conference this month at East Maitland as representatives of our Society, and a book stall will also be held at the conference.

Although very busy at present, Harlan Hall is working on a proposal to obtain funding for the proposed Museum Storage and Conservation extension. More news on this proposal will be in a future newsletter.

Great to see both Gloria and Bob Williams back from a well-earned holiday in Queensland. At our recent General Meeting, Gloria told me she was ready to go on another holiday!

As the State Government has announced the intended closure of Berrima Gaol, we will be working to endeavour to have this most important part of Berrima's history maintained in good condition. It is hoped that some form of suitable adaptive reuse can be found for the gaol complex. If you would like to personally present your thoughts on this matter, please contact our Secretary, who will advise you of the best procedure for doing this via a proposal from Pru Goward.

It was sad news to hear that a former President of the Society, Mr Gordon Whatman passed away recently. The Society has forwarded appropriate condolences to the family.

Best wishes to all - and another closing question:- *Why is it that people say the 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?* Hope you enjoy reading your newsletter.

Randolf Nott of Bowral lives on . . .

at the October General Meeting

Philip Morton will present

The story of Randolph Nott,
an early resident of Bowral
and how Notts Hill gained its name

The accompanying slideshow will feature both early and recent photographs of Nott's four residences plus images supplied by Kate Madden, the present custodian of *Kowana* on Notts Hill, another elegant house that reflects an association with Nott.

Nott was a well-established Sydney businessman and architect who retired to Bowral, after having designed and built at least four elegant residences on the western side of the railway line in Bowral, on the hill up Mount Road.



Travelling in style along Mount Road, Bowral in the 1920s

Located close to the town with spectacular views, portions of what had originally been Oxley land along Mount Road were purchased by Nott. During the 1870s he constructed a pair of identical two-storey residences, known as *Fairview* and *The Mount*, set on adjacent blocks part way up the hill.

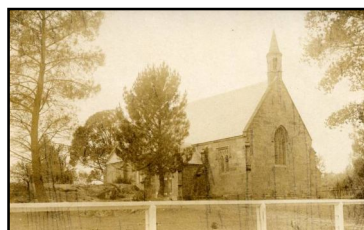
Further residences were constructed nearby on land purchased by the Nott family. *Fairbanks*, built in 1882 overlooking the town, still exists as does the gothic cottage *Hillside*, completed in 1885 at the foot of the hill on Mount Road.

Three years after Nott's death, *Fairview* caught fire early one morning in 1909 and burnt to the ground. A newspaper eyewitness report of this disaster is worth hearing especially when accompanied with photos of the Bowral fire brigade in the early 1900s.

**Commences 7:30pm, Thurs 27 October
at the Archives Meeting Room followed by supper,
a special meeting and general meeting**

Sutton Forest tour with Linda Emery

Thursday 17th November 2011



Our next tour will be to Sutton Forest led by Linda Emery.

We will be doing a church and graveyard tour at the All Saints Church followed by a

visit to the grounds of The Old Rectory in Sutton Forest and another garden in the area. Final details will be in the next newsletter. If you do not have transport, please advise me and we can make arrangements.

10.15am Meet at All Saints Church, Sutton Forest. Morning tea will be supplied before we start the tour of the church and cemetery.

12 noon Drive the short distance to The Old Rectory, where we will hear about the various rectors who occupied the house until it was sold in the 1960s. Please note we will not be going inside the house, but looking around the outside and the garden.

12.45pm Return to All Saints for a BYO picnic lunch in the grounds and church hall.

1.45pm Drive to nearby open garden – venue to be advised.

Cost of the tour including a delicious morning tea and entrance fees will be \$18.

Bookings essential. Please book through the archives: Telephone 4872 2169

Payment to be made before the tour, no later than Monday 14th November.

Bruce Moore, Tours Officer

Trainworks at Thirlmere Tour

Conducted by Bundanoon History Group

On **Wednesday 9 November**, a bus tour to Thirlmere will leave Bundanoon at 8:15am with a 9:00 pickup near the Society Archives in Mittagong.

In addition to a visit to the Thirlmere Rail Museum, there will be a rail motor trip to Picton and return on a vintage rail motor. The scenery is particularly pleasing and can only be accessed when you travel by rail on the old loopline.

Cost is \$45 per head. Contact: Gil Wheaton 4883 7463 or email folly42@bigpond.com. Payment required ASAP

A light lunch for an extra \$5 may also be booked. Otherwise food can be purchased or take your own.

What is the future for Berrima Gaol?

The closure of the Correctional Facility at Berrima was outlined in the latest NSW Government budget.

It is expected that the heritage gaol building will cease to be a prison in the near future. Berrima business owners and concerned residents have recently formed a committee to develop ideas from the community regarding future use, ownership and management to take to the NSW Government.

Ideas proposed for the site include use as a tourist information centre, theatre, sporting and conference centre, and as an educational and historical facility.

Our Society's Management Committee has sent a letter to the relevant NSW Government Minister, with a copy to the local member, expressing members' concern for the preservation in public hands of the historic building and its ongoing maintenance.

Historical overview

The building of the gaol at Berrima by contract labour including convicts commenced in 1834 with completion in 1839. From then

until 1949 it was used for several purposes, including as a low security internment camp in World War I for German mariners and prisoners of war.



In 1942, the old (internal) buildings were demolished and the gaol remodelled and in 1949 it was officially reopened as the Berrima Training Centre, which was dedicated to the rehabilitation of inmates through education and later a 'Young Offenders Program'.

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As a gaol in the 19th century it struck terror into the heart of many a prisoner. In the early 1840s it was used as a debtors' prison and to house prisoners appearing before the Berrima court but, from 1847, Berrima gaol was relegated to the status of a subsidiary prison and remained virtually empty until 1856 save for invalid and aged prisoners.

In 1866, after extensive rebuilding and extension of the surrounding walls, the gaol re-opened as a model prison where a 'separate treatment' system was implemented. Each prisoner spent the first nine months of their sentence in a solitary cell with one hour a day exercise allowed in space barely big enough to take a few paces each way.

Berrima had been chosen for an experiment in penal reform. This would lead to regular accusations of cruelty being levelled at prison authorities until the gaol's closure in 1909.

The Gaol and its neighbour, the Courthouse, are buildings of splendid craftsmanship and the walls stand as solid and sound as the day they were built.



- 1834 Construction work commenced in July
- 1839 Construction completed at cost of £10,847
- 1848 Gaol closed
- 1866 Reopened, enlarged with new sandstone gate
- 1878 Report of the Royal Commission Inquiry into the management and discipline of the Berrima Gaol
- 1891-94 Additions made to the gaol at a cost of £1,375
- 1898 Governor's Residence erected, south of the main gate. Designed by Walter Vernon
- 1899 Central watchtower erected; electric lighting provided by 10 horsepower engine and dynamo
- 1905 Gaol was declared a place of confinement for habitual criminals
- 1909 Gaol closed. During WW I used as an internment camp for German mariners and prisoners of war
- 1919-39 Gaol vacated and opened to the public as a Historical Attraction. At the outbreak of WW II, the Army took possession and used it as a Depot and Store for munitions
- 1942 After internal buildings demolished by fire, the inside buildings were remodelled and rebuilt
- 1949 The gaol officially reopened by NSW Governor Lieut. Northcott as 'Berrima Training Centre'
- 1970s Became 'Young Offenders Gaol' training centre
- 2001 Converted to medium security gaol for females
- 2011 The Gaol to close as Correctional Centre at year end and hopefully be reinvigorated as a new community 'heart' for Berrima and district.

In 1949 reopened as Berrima Training Centre

The dark and often cruel history of the gaol took a turn for the better when it reopened as the Berrima Training Centre in 1949.

In a way reflecting the humane period of the German mariners, the 1949 approach represented freedom within limits, a fostering of positive interests, skills and activities, and encouragement of community life.

For the first time in the history of State prisons, a sports game area was built inside the walls.

In the 1970s the gaol was converted to a 'Young Offenders Gaol' and provided training facilities for about 60 young male inmates, most enrolled in educational courses. There were also a few mature age men, to provide an age balance.

This was a pilot scheme for the Cessnock medium security prison that would accommodate 400 and provide custodial, educational, and social schemes.

Berrima, as a minimum security gaol, enabled prisoners to work for privileges such as day leave. There were educational courses including graphic arts, commercial cooking, welding lessons at Moss Vale, apprenticeships at Dairy Farmers, silk-screen printing, woodwork, leatherwork and art.

In this period the gaol served as home to some famous identities, including Rex Jackson, a former NSW Minister for Corrective Services; also 'fix-it-man' Tim Brislow, a member of the Bendigo Gang; and Andrew Tregurtha, who killed a Greek Consul.



A craft shop, opened in the former Superintendent's quarters, situated just outside the gaol wall, is still a popular place for visitors to Berrima to purchase the prisoners' creations that initially included screen-printed garments along with wooden clocks, coffee tables, letter boxes and jewellery.

In 2001 the facility became a medium security gaol for female offenders who were employed in screen printing, commercial signage, banners and garment printing, general maintenance, cleaning, cooking and clerical work. A number of the inmates became fully employed on community projects outside the Centre.

Berrima Gaol was the most hated and feared in the colony by John McColgan

Governor Bourke officially laid the foundation stone on March 7, 1835 and Berrima Gaol was completed in 1839. It is a grim relic of the harshness and cruelty of a past time in Australian history.

It was run deliberately to induce abject despair and hopelessness on the part of convict inmates, and that it had succeeded was evidenced by Bishop Ullathorpe who saw them and stated: 'they are fettered with heavy chains, harassed with heavy work, and fed on salt meat and coarse bread; their faces

are awful to behold, and their existence one of desperation'.

The gaol, when first built, was a building of three radiating wings, each having two floors providing six corridors running from a centre, on top of which was the watch tower. This enabled the sentries to see anywhere within the walls and a good deal outside. It contained 92 cells and all cell doors were solid cedar wood three inches thick, fitted with huge iron bolts.



Down on the underground floor there were three cells, the centre one being a dark cell for solitary confinement which was composed of a space between an inner and outer door measuring two feet (600mm) apart, pitch black and soundproof.

Men sent to this tomb-like horror were given bread and water only once a day. Many were reported to have gone out of their minds there. The next cell at the end of the passage was the condemned cell. Here, five convicts spent their last days awaiting execution. Only five were ever recorded as being hung at Berrima gaol. They were Curran, Dunkley, Beech, Lynch and Henry Atkins.

The punishments handed out in the gaol were particularly brutal. The convicts classed as the worst were sent to Berrima and, in the early days of their sentence, were forced to spend twenty three hours a day in the cell, with only one hour exercise allowed. Due to the continual loneliness and silence, most became melancholy and depressed.

After 1860, any prisoner serving five years and over had to do nine months solitary confinement in their cell upon arrival. This was called a model system by the authorities.

By the early 1900s, the gaol was used for purposes other than a prison. Prior to World War I it is reported to have been a refrigeration works and during the war it was used as a low-security internment camp for German mariners and prisoners of war.



This feature article was compiled by Philip Morton with assistance from Leonie Knapman and Linda Emery.

Throsby Park into the 20th century

History article by P Morton continued from last issue

Charles Throsby in 1828 inherited *Throsby Park* at Bong Bong from his uncle Dr Charles. He settled there with his wife Betsey, and prospered as Magistrate and gentleman-farmer in the rapidly growing Sutton Forest/Berrima district.

Charles was to prove himself a worthy successor. He was soon successful in supplying beef, flour and other necessities on Government contracts.

He managed to survive the 1840s depression, when many settlers went bankrupt, by using 'The Mill' he had built as a flour mill, as a boiling-down establishment. Here slaughtered animals were rendered down for tallow to be exported and the meat products sold locally. As the financial situation eased, the mill resumed its proper function.

Between the years 1825 and 1852 Charles and Betsey had seventeen children, nine of which were sons. Charles died in 1854. The eldest, John, who managed the farm, was killed when his horse fell not far from the house, and a few days later another son, William, died of scarlet fever in Sydney.

By 1866 only 12 of the children survived and all but the youngest of the girls were married. Betsey moved back into the Cottage in 1868 and leased the main house to the Earl of Belmore, the Governor of NSW who desired a country retreat for his wife and family.

Throsby Park was ideally situated as the railway to Moss Vale provided convenient access from Sydney.

The Georgian colonial house, commenced in 1834 of sandstone and cedar, had 27 rooms most with marble mantelpieces over fireplaces, so it was an elegant



and comfortable residence. It was also practical, with a central square between the main house and kitchen, containing a 10-foot deep well, from which water was drawn by wooden pump into buckets. A large stable had been built at the same time as the House.

The Belmores remained at Throsby Park until 1872 when they left Australia. Then, during 1873-74 the Bishop of Sydney, Frederic Barker and his wife lived in the House for the summer, briefly followed by Henry Southey who conducted a boys' school.

From 1882 to 1887 Edward Fairfax and then James, sons of the founder of the *Sydney Morning Herald*,

leased the house for £250 per annum, while building a house, *Woodside*, adjacent to Throsby Park.

Following Betsey's death in 1891, Patrick, one of her sons, moved into the House with his family. He died in 1894 and the eldest of his twelve children, Francis Henry, inherited the property and lived there with wife and family. During this period a flower garden of some distinction was established with the present fountain installed in the 1920s.

The property was run as a mixed farm with cattle, pigs and crops. Frank followed his father's tradition as a successful horse breeder. The Bong Bong Picnic Race Club was formed in 1886 and for some years held its meetings on the Throsby Estate.

From 1915 until the end of WWI, the 'Mill' was lent to the Red Cross for use as a convalescent home and afterwards it became a guest house run by Frank's eldest son, also Frank, and his wife Joan. When they moved

into the House after the death of Frank's father in 1938, they operated it as a guest house during the Depression.

A riding school was established in 1934 for guests from the House, and the property continued as a mixed farm with dairying adopted on a large scale.

Frank and Joan Throsby's daughter Del helped her father on the property, taught Tudor House boys to ride and took guests riding. This led to her opening the Throsby Park School of Riding which she carried on for more than 20 years, providing an idyllic setting for childhood riding holidays.



When Frank died in 1960, Joan and her daughter Del remained in the House and ran the riding school. Del died in 2006 – appropriately, in a paddock feeding one of her beloved ponies.

Home to five generations of the Throsby family, the House and remaining 75 acres were purchased by the NSW State Government in 1972. The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service was given responsibility for *Throsby Park* in 1975. Repaired and maintained it was regularly opened to the public.

In September 2010, *Throsby Park* was officially handed over to the Historic Houses Trust.

References

- "The Throsbys of Throsby Park" by Lorna Howlett, 1991
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DIARY DATES

THURSDAY	13	OCT	Management Committee Meeting	
THURSDAY	27	OCT	Monthly General Meeting	7:30 pm at the Historical Society
THURSDAY	10	NOV	Management Committee Meeting	
THURSDAY	25	NOV	Monthly General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting	7:30 pm at the Historical Society
FRIDAY	2	DEC	Christmas Dinner	6:30 pm at the Scottish Arms, Bowral
THURSDAY	8	DEC	Management Committee Meeting	
TUESDAY	13	DEC	Archives close for Christmas Break	4:00 pm
FRIDAY	20	DEC	School holidays commence	
THURSDAY	22	DEC	NO Monthly General Meeting	

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2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The General Meeting will commence at **7.30pm**

The following positions are to be appointed or re-appointed at the AGM:

Archivist, Research Officer, Tours Officer, Catering Officer, Museum Curator; Newsletter Editor; Librarian; Public Relations Officer; Publications Officer; Property Officer, Speaker's Convener, Minute Secretary, Membership Secretary and Conservation Co-ordinator. Members interested in being appointed to any of these positions should advise the Hon. Secretary in writing on the form below or similar.

Patrons to be appointed on recommendation from the Management Committee.

Appointment Form

I am willing to be appointed or re-appointed to the position of _____

(Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms.) _____

Signature _____

Notices of Motion: Only business listed in the November issue of the Society's **Newsletter** published 14 days prior to the AGM will be transacted at the meeting. Members desiring to bring before the meeting any business must give advance notice. Movers and seconders of motions must be financial members of the Society.

Notice of Motion forms are available from the Hon. Secretary if required.

NOMINATIONS for OFFICE BEARERS, OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, written interest in APPOINTED POSITIONS and NOTICES OF MOTION must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not later than MONDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2011.

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Elections will be held for all offices in the Society. Nominations are required for the following:

Office bearers: *President; 2 Vice Presidents (1 of whom shall be Senior Vice President); Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.*

Other Committee Members: *Other members may be elected to make a maximum total of 12 for the Management Committee.*

A Public Officer, Auditor and a Museum Committee of not more than eight members shall also be elected at the AGM.

Nominations for Office bearers and other Committee Members should be made on the form below or similar. Nominees, nominators and seconders must be financial members of the Society and nominees must sign to indicate their willingness to serve.

Nomination Form

(Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms.) _____

is nominated for the office of _____

Nominated by _____ Seconded by _____

I am willing to undertake the duties of _____

Signature of Nominee _____

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