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Dear District Directors and District CR Chairs:

Consulting Rosarians are among the most knowledgeable and active people in the American Rose Society. The ARS needs a well-motivated and educated group of CRs if the ARS is to continue to succeed in its mission. The Master Rosarian designation was created to recognize those CRs who have made outstanding contributions as CRs over a significant period. Do not confuse this designation with the CR Emeritus designation.

Since inception in 2004 through 2021, there have been 840 Master Rosarian designations granted. There were 17 in 2021 for a total of 857. Master Rosarians are acknowledged at a district or local event. Please continue to recognize the efforts of our MRs; our thanks to those districts who have participated.

Some districts may not have fully understood the MR program. I am sure that many CRs will qualify. Keep in mind that **Master Rosarian** is a designation, not an award. All CRs with ten years or more experience and a willingness to continue to serve in this role should be considered.

We now begin the process of selecting MRs for 2022. The deadlines for this year's program enable us to process the Master Rosarian nominations in time to prepare the certificates for fall/winter district meetings. *If other arrangements are required, please contact ARS-HQ. **Again, please observe the deadlines noted.***

The accompanying nomination form describes the designation and the criteria for achieving it (*also noted in the attached Master Rosarian designation information from the revised Consulting Rosarian Manual p 2-9 and 2-10 last revised Mar 2021*). It needs to be completed for every nominee. We wish to begin to solicit nominations based on the process and deadlines noted.

Publish announcements in local society and district newsletters. The District Director and the local society presidents are responsible for making their memberships aware of the nomination and selection process. There are no limits to the number of yearly selections of MRs within a District. If there are questions about a nominee, the committee may request additional information from the author of the nomination or the nominee. When the district committee sees that information is missing, please go back to the nominator or nominee and have this information provided. It can be done over the phone and written in the margin by the committee member contacting the nominee so that the paperwork does not have to go back to the nominator. Note: All questions on the nomination form need an answer.

When and how should you proceed?

1. **Now-Review pages 2-9 and 2-10 of the CR Manual 3/2021 version.** Establish a district review committee consisting of the District Director, District CR Chair, and a minimum of one other person. (You may elect to use the same committee that you established for the previous years' selections.) The District Director and the District CR Chair should agree on the composition of the committee.

The District CR Chair will serve as the Chair of the committee. The committee will review all nominations.

**If a District CR list sorted by appointment year is needed,
please contact Jennifer Peace (jennifer@rose.org) for this*

If you have NOT completed a Confidentiality Agreement ~~before~~ receiving your list, please contact Carol Spiers.

2. **Now**, Each District CR Chair will forward the nomination form to all local society presidents and each CR in their district. The nomination form will also be posted on the ARS website.
3. **June 11 to August 15** Submit nominations for Master Rosarian to the district review committee.
4. **August 15 to September 1 (district committee completes its review)**. The district review committee selects qualified nominees. There is no specific limit within a district. If there are questions about a nominee, the committee should request additional information from the person making the nomination. When the district committee sees that information is missing, please go back to the nominator or nominee and have this information provided. It can be done over the phone and written in the margin by the committee member contacting the nominee so that the paperwork does not have to go back to the nominator.
5. **August 15 to September 1 (Email/mail paper only copies to ARS HQ)** ...After the district committee has made its recommendations, submit the documentation for **ALL** nominees to Jennifer Peace (jennifer@rose.org) at ARS-HQ. Recommendations must be sent to Headquarters; no later than September 1, 2022. **DO NOT** send to anyone else. ARS-HQ will forward all submissions to the National CR Chairs. Including nominations that are not approved. **Submit your nominations only by email.**
6. **September 1 to September 10**. The national CR committee will complete its review and make the final decisions. (In most cases, we expect ratification of district decisions)
7. **Appx. September 15**. National CR Committee Chairs will send ARS HQ names of approved Master Rosarians.
8. **CERTIFICATES WILL BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRS FOR PRESENTATION PURPOSES. ARS HQ will send DISTRICT DIRECTORS INVOICES FOR PAYMENT (CERTIFICATES \$10)(PDF printable \$5); PLEASE ADVISE ARS-HQ IF DISTRICT IS PURCHASING PINS (\$10).**
9. Districts should acknowledge the new MRs at an appropriate district meeting. Local Societies may present the certificates to avoid delay.
10. The names of all Master Rosarians will be published on the ARS website to promote information about this designation and the CR program.
11. Please follow the dates when possible; however, do not delay someone's nomination due to the above outline.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the Master Rosarian designation, I am available to assist you. Please email us your questions at anitaeckley01@gmail.com or michaeleckley53@gmail.com

Roses to You,

