

# BADGER BOYS STATE



CITIZENS  
ADVISORY  
COUNCIL

*By Russ Hanseter*





# WHAT IS THE CAC?

- \* The CAC or Citizens Advisory Council was created by the BBS Board of Directors to serve two important purposes:

One is to act as a sounding board from citizens to the Board members. The Board can then glean valuable information about our program, garner ideas for positive change, and then bring about that positive change.

- \* The second is to select our Boys Nation Senators to represent Badger Boys State from among the 830 high school juniors attending the June session.





# CITY REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION

- \* The Citizens Advisory Council & Boys Nation Selection is a bottom-up process with the first crucial selection at the BBS city level. There is no single, automatic, elected or appointed position qualifying a citizen to be selected as a representative of a BBS city. The counselor knows best as to who has made in their opinion the most significant contribution to the success of the program, and who has exhibited real leadership and organizational skills.
- \* Each City Counselor, in consultation with an Assistant City Counselor where applicable, selects one citizen and submits the citizens name to the County Counselor. The citizen then completes a *Citizens Information Sheet* that is forwarded along with the *City Counselor Recommendation Sheet* to the County Counselor. We have twenty seven cities at BBS and each city recommends their citizen for further consideration. The BBS counties then select their representative to the CAC following their own established procedures. County Counselors will present a copy of the congratulatory letter and instructions as to time and location of the CCA Meeting which begins at 1:00PM on Friday. Once the meeting is started late arrivals will not be admitted into the meeting and will not be considered in the Boys Nation Selection process. \*Each BBS County is allowed one selection unless previously agreed upon for an additional selection.





# COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION

- \* Once the City selections are forwarded to the County Counselor they are responsible for establishing a time and location to meet for the purpose of selecting a County Representative to the CAC. Each County determines how that selection is made.
- \* The *Citizens Information Sheet*, the *City Counselors Recommendation Sheet*, and the *County Counselor Recommendation Sheet* will be turned in to the Program Chairman who prepares packets for the Chairman of The Board and the CAC Team. This must be done as soon as possible after selection and before 10:00 PM on Friday morning. It will take some time for copies of all information to be duplicated for the Board Meeting on Friday at 1:00PM.
- \* Cameron County because of its size may nominate a second citizen if they so choose. In addition the Legal staff nominates a citizen of their choice which brings the number of possible CAC nominations to ten citizens representing eight counties and the Legal staff.





# LEGAL STAFF SELECTION

- \* The attorneys work closely with the citizens in the forming of the Federalist and Nationalist Parties, the Party conventions, the BBS Senate and Assembly, serve as advisors to the judicial system from City courts to the Supreme Court, advise State officials, and teach the Law School. Therefore they are included in the nomination of a citizen for the CAC.
- \* The same timeline applies here as in the other areas. We now have the CAC in place and are ready for the Board representatives to conduct the selection process.



ASSEMBLY  
SESSION



SENATE  
SESSION





# CAC PROCEDURE

- \* The Board representatives on the Citizens Advisory Council include the Chairman of the Board, the Board President, Vice-President, Director, a member of the legal staff, and an observer from the Counselor Recruitment & Retention Committee without a vote.

All citizens are assembled into a room in Bartlett Hall. Once all are in place we begin with introductions and then the entire process is explained to all candidates as well as the two outcomes of the process.





# CAC PROCEDURE PHASE I & II

- \* The group is now split onto two groups the first group now moves to another room while the others remain behind. Tables are arranged so as to have citizens on all sides arranged numerically and with name tags. A chalk board is next to the table and they are told it is available if they so choose. They are given a written scenario and one among the group is asked to read it aloud. Once read they have 30 seconds to think about the scenario and 5 minutes to react to the scenario. Drinking water, blank paper and pencils are provided along with instructions that all notes are left behind.
- \* The Board representatives seat themselves behind the citizens around the table so as to observe all candidates during the process. The scenario allows for a lot of interaction and leadership comes to the surface. The Board members use various methods of recording the responses and interaction by individuals.
- \* Then in Phase II the group is given a second scenario following the same procedure and with 10 minutes to respond. In its second year the process has proved to be a much better way of assessing the true leaders among the select group and for getting feedback on our program. Then the second group goes through the same routine.

# CAC PROCEDURE PHASE III

- \* In phase III all of the CAC members are seated around tables and each has a two-sided name tag in front of them. The Board Team again has a list of the ten candidates numbered 1 thru 10.
- \* In numerical order citizens draw a question from among approximately 15 pre-prepared questions. He reads his question aloud, then has 30 seconds to gather some thoughts and two minutes to answer the question. This continues until each CAC citizen has drawn and answered one question.
- \* The CAC Board Team is seated at one end in full view of all citizens so as to be able to listen to their response and observe the responder. The questions are varied and may be related to personal experiences, something about the present program, or something that may be changed or added, individual goals and aspirations or something other. The responses are listened to by all citizens and the Board Team with great interest revealing something about each person involved and their ability to think and react in a spontaneous fashion before a group.





# CAC BOYS NATION SELECTION

- \* The Board Team now reviews the citizens, city counselors and county counselors recommendation forms in their packet. The Team met at 12:00PM so as to browse thru the forms earlier. The next step is to place the citizens 1 through 10 on the chalk board and place their top three selections indicating a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place selection. A first place selection being worth 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 3 points, and third place 1 point.
- \* In the case of a tie in the first posting the Team again gives their choice in the same fashion to those tied for the first selection. It seems to bring a few individuals to the top immediately and there is little controversy in the selection process.

The Boys Nation Senators and alternates are recorded by the Chairman of the Board who will make the announcement at the Saturday morning final assembly. Pictures will be taken and forms filled out immediately after the assembly.





# THE CLYDE KNOX SCHOLARSHIP

- \* As a part of the CAC process one individual is selected from among the CAC citizens for the Clyde Knox Scholarship in memory of former Director Clyde Knox. The scholarship is based on community service and is in the amount of \$500.
- \* The recipient is recorded by the Director and he will make the announcement at the Saturday morning final assembly. This years recipient is Alex Cullen.





# PNC KEITH KREUL SCHOLARSHIP

- \* Each citizen who is nominated for the CAC is eligible for the Keith Kreul Scholarship. Each will receive an application from Department Headquarters with instructions and timelines for eligibility.
- \* The scholarship was established by Keith Kreul after his term as National Commander of The American Legion and is in the amount of \$500. The selection is made by the Director, Board President, and Chairman of the Board in the Fall prior to the October Board of Directors Meeting.
- \* A letter of the final selection is sent to all applicants by the Director.





# SOME FORMS

Badger Boys State  
Citizens Advisory Council  
Dear Evan Buescher,

June 19, 2009

Congratulations, you have been selected to represent the cities of your BBS County at the Citizens Advisory Council. The Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) was established by the Badger Boys State Board of Directors to serve two purposes: 1, You will act as a liaison for the citizens of your County and to the Board of Directors of Badger Boys State Inc. at the CAC Meeting. 2. The Board of Directors also uses this opportunity to select two boys to represent Badger Boys State at Boys Nation in the Washington D.C. area.

The Board will also select two alternates in the case that the first or second selection cannot attend. This includes an all expense paid airline ticket and for your week on campus of Mary Mount College in Arlington, Virginia. You will be met at the airport as Senator from Wisconsin and shuttle to the campus for an exciting event filled week.

The CAC provides an opportunity to learn from you, the citizens of Badger Boys State, your thoughts and observations about our program. Your opinions and suggestions are important to us. You are required to fill out a Citizens Information Sheet that will be made available to the Board Selection Team. You will be required to attend a CAC meeting to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Bartlett Hall. The CAC meeting will begin promptly at **1:00PM on Friday June 19, 2009. Make arrangements with your City Counselor and notify them of any sessions that you may miss that afternoon. If you are not familiar with the location ask one of your counselors or the Headquarters Staff. If you are late you will not be able to participate in the selection process. The meeting is scheduled after lunch and a time with the least conflicts.**

Congratulations again, and we look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,  
Russ Hanseter  
Chairman of Board BBS Inc.

# CITIZENS INFORMATION SHEET



\* **Badger Boys State**  
**Citizens Advisory Council**

\* **I Citizens Information Sheet** \* Use backside as needed

\* Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Home City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\* High School \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Boys State City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* **I Activities at BBS:**

\* **II Activities, awards, honors in high school, church, and community:**

\* **III Tell us something about yourself such as your goals and aspirations.**

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\* **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\*To be completed by citizen and submitted to City Counselor who then forwards to County Counselor for next selection step.



# SOME QUESTIONS

- \* What is something you have done for someone else and how did that make you feel?
- \* Have you ever served as a volunteer in your church, school, community and in what capacity? Tell us about your best experience. If you have not that's OK too, however explain your reason for not volunteering.
- \* You were provided several choices in the form of seminars on Sunday and Schools of Instruction on Monday thru Wednesday. Tell us about one of those choices, evaluate the choice and suggest anything that might be done differently to enhance the experience.
- \* Would you consider yourself a good leader and what kinds of things have prepared you for a leadership role?
- \* What change or changes would you recommend to the principal of your school that would improve the school for students to follow you?
- \* What is the best time you ever had? Explain.
- \* Which experiences in school, church, or your community have been most rewarding to you? Explain.



# A SCENARIO

- \* Your city has split up into the two Political Parties for the purpose of selecting its candidates for the various city offices. Your Assistant Counselor has responsibility for both groups yet they are separated at opposite ends of the building your group is without supervision. Things are degenerating very quickly. How should this situation have been handled? What would you have done? Prepare an outline for just such an occasion for the Counselors Handbook.
- \* Read the scenario out loud, take 30 seconds to collect some thoughts then respond to same. You will have 10 minutes to respond and you may use the chalk board if you would like to.



# CAC SELECTION & BOYS NATION SENATORS



- \* Although the process appears to be working very well it will continue to be an evolving process as we continue to tweak what we do. Our goal is to have our representatives to Boys Nation be active participants and to be able to maximize their experience during the Boys Nation session.
- \* Hopefully, when they return they will serve the following year on our counseling staff. So far we have been very successful in achieving that goal.



# 2009 CAC CITIZEN SENATORS TO BOYS NATION ARE: NICHOLAS BOHRER & IVAN FAN





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