

Africa Rice Center  
(WARDA)

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**Draft Minutes of the Nominating Committee Meeting of March 2005**

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Present: Mary Mokwunye, Chair  
Bamba Gué, Vice-Chair  
Clementine Dabire  
Emmanuel Owusu-Bennoah  
Gaston Grenier, ex-officio

Invited: Edwin Price  
Remi Pochat  
Kanayo F. Nwanze

Absent: Inga Björk-Klevby

Secretary: Samuel Bruce-Oliver

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**Nominating Committee – March 2005  
Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Nominating Committee became a committee of the whole house with the participation of all the Board members present. Its conclusions and recommendations were as follows:

- Confirmed that only 2 Board members are nominated through the CGIAR process. Names suggested for consideration were Lyda Res (Dutch national), Barbara Becker, VC of IITA Board and Abate from Ethiopia. Board Secretary is to first inform the CG Secretariat of the vacancies to be filled, then download their CVs and send to Chair of Nominating Committee who would report to Board members.
- Regarding Abate, Board Secretary is directed to get in touch with him and offer him position as Board nominee.
- Massive loss of Board members, Edwin Price, Richard Musangi, Inga BjorkKelvby, Papa Abdoulaye Seck and four members (Mokwunye, Dabire, Horie and Pochat) whose terms end in 2007. Under special consideration, the four members could stay until 2007 and thereafter, their departure would be staggered. Two would leave in

2007 and the other two leave in 2008. Decision on who stays and who goes will await the new Director General.

- There were no membership renewals for 2006.
- Chairmanship of Board – Unanimous endorsement for re-election of Gaston Grenier.
- Vice Chair – Mary Mokwunye asked to step down for personal reasons and Clementine Dabire was elected.
- Nomination Committee membership – Horie and Grenier were included in the Nomination Committee.
- Issue of nominations to the Board is to be accelerated so as not to create any vacuum.
- The Nominating Committee recommended new membership of the Committees as presented under section 6 of the minutes.
- WARDA Management is to announce Board vacancies and seek nominees from member states, after receiving profiles of candidates being sought by the Board.
- The joint IITA/WARDA Nomination Committee is to check with IITA regarding Joint Board members.
- Inga Bjork-Klevby's Board membership has been terminated. She should be informed in writing.