Addendum C – Procedure Document for guiding the nomination questions to ask of a presidential candidate

After the GSF Secretary or appointed staff has collected the nominations and contacted the nominees to verify their intent to serve if elected, the GSF Secretary or appointed staff will send the appropriate request for information to the nominee for them to complete and submit for the nominating committee's evaluation process. Once the information is returned, the GSF Secretary or appointed staff will compile the information for the nominating committee in the following format:

- Nominee's Name
- Nominating Board of Directors (in the case where one nominee received several different nominations, the names of all Boards will be listed)

Qualifications attached including:

- Brief personal history, education, career
- Experience in the speaking business
- Experience in leadership in home association
- Awards, honors, earned designations

Responses to nominations questions

The following are examples of what should be included:

- Why do you want to be President of GSF?
- What skills and experience do you have that qualify you to lead GSF successfully?
- How would you describe your style of leadership?
- What positions of responsibility have you held in your home association?
- What are the three most important lessons you've learned from the positions you have held?
- What languages do you speak?
- What will the GSF look like at the end of your presidential term?
- What concerns you about the future of the GSF?
- What are the greatest opportunities available to the GSF?
- What role should the Board of Directors and/or Steering Committee play in creating opportunities and how would you facilitate this role?
- What is your strategy for better utilizing technology to connect and communicate with the GSF members?
- What is the priority work of the GSF that needs to be addressed within your leadership term?
- How can we serve our Associations so that they provide quality professional development and make sure their organizations is relevant?

Nomination Criteria

Skills and Abilities:

- Demonstrated ability to develop strong relationships
- Recognized as a leader in their home nation
- Excellent communication skills
- Committed to the overall mission of the Federation to support and encourage member associations
- Professional
- Able to see an issue from a variety of positions
- Globally aware and internationally astute
- Demonstrated an ability to adopt an international perspective on issues and relationships

Speaking Expertise and Experience:

- Demonstrated and recognized skills on the platform
- Although not required, it is helpful to hold the CSP designation
- Established, successful speaking business
- Adequate resources to support the travel and schedule commitments of the position

Level of leadership experience in member association:

- Demonstrated leadership abilities at a senior level; having served as an officer or board member at their speaker association's national level.
- The Federation president must understand how associations work in order to support their ability to be effective as the leader of the Federation.

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