



Nominations Committee Annual Report to the Governing Council

November 5, 2022

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Process

- The Nominations Committee began its work in December 2021 to recruit potential candidates
- The Committee communicated primarily through email and via video-conference calls.
- Open leadership positions were announced in the January issue of *The Nation's Health*, Inside Public Health, the Affiliate Newsletter, and to the ISC and Section Chairs.
- Committee Members were each assigned 9 to 10 APHA Member Units to contact regarding open elected leadership positions. Members of the Committee were given the contact information for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Nominations Chair (if available) of their assigned Components. Committee members also reached out directly to other leaders they either knew or were recommended to contact to see if they themselves were interested in running or if they could recommend a potential candidate(s)
- The Nominations Committee held a well-attended virtual Q&A session, along with current members of the Executive Board, for interested candidates and leaders which detailed nomination and candidate process and experience.
- Additionally, the Committee produced a video featuring current and former leaders detailing their experience in Executive Office and on the Executive Board to provide potential candidates a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities.
- The deadline to put forward a name for consideration by the Nominations Committee was Tuesday, April 19, but the deadline was extended a week to April 26.
- The Nominations Committee met via conference call on May 24 to select the slate of candidates. Factors considered in the selection of the slate of candidates included the diversity factors such as gender, race and ethnicity, professional background, geographic distribution, membership in APHA member units, as well as Affiliate involvement and experience both professionally and within APHA. The committee also looked for skills among the nominees that might enhance those of

current board members (a detailed review of the current Executive Board was completed and presented to the Nominations Committee)

- The slate of candidates was presented to the Governing Council at the mid-year meeting on June 13
- In June and July, the Nominations Committee revised the campaign guidelines based on feedback from previous candidates and Governing Councilors. The aim of these revisions was consolidate and improve the campaign process for both candidates and members. Changes included:
 - Shifting the start of campaigning to September 1 (vs. August 1) based on requests from both past candidates and members.
 - Reduction in the number of messages candidates are allowed to send to GCs (10 candidate-initiated contacts total) and the number of written questions member units can send (now just 1 per candidate)
 - Candidates are now permitted to set up websites
 - There is now [anonymous form](#) to report perceived violations of the guidelines and the consequences of confirmed violations are also laid out

The revised campaign guidelines we shared with Governing Councilors on August 1st and are available for review at

- An orientation for the candidates was held via videoconference on July 20th.
- Candidates were announced in the August issue of the Nation's Health and campaigning officially began on September 1st
- The Nominations Committee solicited the Governing Council (GC) for written questions for the Candidate beginning July 14th and ending August 3rd. The GC's suggestions were reviewed and added to by the Nomination Committee and then sent to candidates to answer by September 26th. Candidate's answers to the written questions can be found by visiting apha.org/candidate and then selecting the respective candidates name, scrolling to the bottom of the screen and clicking the hyperlink "Written Question Response"
- A second orientation for candidates to review the roles and responsibilities, committees and schedule of the Executive Board will be held October 25th.
- In lieu of a Governing Council Candidates Forum, the candidates will each record a 1-minute speech, which will be played for the Governing Council during Session I at the Annual Meeting on November 5th.
- The Governing Council will elect 1 President-Elect, 1 Treasurer and 3 Executive Board members from among the candidates during Session II at the Annual Meeting on November 8th.
- Those elected will be invited to a new member orientation and lunch on November 9th.

Open Positions

1 – President Elect Position (3-year term President Elect, President and Past President)

1- Treasurer (3-year term)

3 – Executive Board Member Positions (4-year term)

2022 Candidates

President Elect (2 candidates for 1 open position):

Ella Greene-Moton

Jeffrey Hallam, PhD, MA

Treasurer (3 candidates for 1 open position):

Ann Dozier, RN, PhD, FAAN

Benjamin Hernandez, MBA

Renata Slayton, MPH

Executive Board Member (5 candidates for 3 open positions):

Kevin Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA

Shontelle Dixon, MPH, CHES

Claude Jacob, MPH

Diana Kingsbury, PhD

Gopal Sankaran, MD, DrPH, MNAMS, CHES

(*Julie Graves, MD, MPH, PhD, AAHIVS was also selected as a candidate, but withdrew from the race on September 22, 2022. An alternate candidate was not selected given that campaigning had already begun.)

Nominees for APHA Honorary Vice President:

Canada- Vamini Selvanandan, MD, MPH, CCFP (EM)- Chair of Board of Directors, Canadian Public Health Association

Latin America and the Caribbean- Rosana Teresa Onocko-Campos, PhD- President, Brazilian Association for Collective Health (ABRASCO)

United States- Mary Wooley, MA- President, Research!America