Nominations Committee Mid-year Report to the Governing Council

June 15, 2020

Members of the 2020 Nominations Committee

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Process

- The Nominations Committee began its work at the 2019 Annual Meeting 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 Components 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.
- The deadline to put forward a name for consideration by the Nominations Committee was Friday, April 17, but the deadline was extended by two weeks to May 1, given the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Nominations Committee met via conference call on May 19 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).
Open Positions

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

1- Speaker of the Governing Council (3 year term)

3 – Executive Board Member Positions (4 year term)

2020 Candidates

President Elect (2 candidates for 1 open position):
Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN
Jeffrey Hallam, PhD, FRSPH

Executive Board Member (6 candidates for 3 open positions):
E. Oscar Alleyne, DrPH, MPH
Eldonna Chestnut, MSN, MSN, RN
Claude Jacob, MPH
Kathy Lituri, MPH, RDH
Nandi Marshall, DrPH, MPH, CHES
David Reyes, MN, MPH, RN, BHNA-BC

Speaker of the Governing Council (2 candidate for 1 open positions):
M. Aaron Guest, PhD, MPH, MSW
Karen Valenzuela, MPA, MA

Nominees for APHA Honorary Vice President:
Canada- Richard Musto, MD, FRCPC- Chair, Canadian Public Health Association
Latin America and the Caribbean- Mary Lou Valdez, MS- Deputy Director, Pan American Health Organization
United States- Victor J. Dzau, MD- President, National Academy of Medicine

Upcoming Activities

- A Candidate Orientation webinar will be held in late June/early July
- The Nominations Committee will solicit the Governing Council for candidate questions beginning in July.
- The slate of candidates will be announced in the August issue of *The Nation’s Health.*
- Campaigning officially begins on Aug 1.
- Plans are underway for a virtual Candidates Forum(s) during the Annual Meeting. Details will be provided once available.