



Nominations Committee Annual Report to the Governing Council

October 26, 2024

Members of the 2023-2024 Nominations Committee

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Process

- The Nominations Committee began its work in December 2023 to recruit potential candidates
- The Committee communicated primarily through email and via video-conference calls.
- Open leadership positions were announced in the January-March 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 leadership of their assigned Member Units. 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 promoted 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 Friday, April 19, but the deadline was extended to May 5.

- The Nominations Committee met via conference call on May 22 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 10th.
- The campaign guidelines were shared with Candidates and Members. The guidelines were amended to include new guidelines and procedures for member units to invite candidates to events and ask candidates written questions- https://apha.org/-/media/files/pdf/governance/execboard/candidates/2024_campaign-guideline_apha-wide-office.pdf
- An orientation for the candidates was held via videoconference on July 9th.
- 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 candidates over the summer. The GC’s suggestions were reviewed and added to by the Nomination Committee and then sent to candidates to answer by October 7th. Candidate’s answers to the written questions can be found by visiting <https://apha.org/about-apha/governance/apha-boards-and-councils/executive-board/apha-candidates> and then selecting the respective candidates name, scrolling to the bottom of the screen and clicking the hyperlink “Response to Written Question...”
- A second orientation for candidates to review the roles and responsibilities, committees and schedule of the Executive Board was held October 10th.
- Governing Councilors were invited to participate in the CoA/ISC Candidates Forum on October 15th.
- The candidates have recorded 90 second videos expressing why they are running for APHA-wide office which will be played for the Governing Council during Session I at the Annual Meeting on October 26th. Candidates will also be available for informal conversations with Governing Councilors from 1-2PM CT outside Ballroom A, MCC, ahead of Governing Council Session I on October 26th.
- The Governing Council will elect 1 President-Elect and 3 Executive Board members from among the candidates during Session II at the Annual Meeting on October 29th, as well as vote to approve the slate of candidates for Honorary Vice President for the US, Canada and Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Those elected will be invited to a new member orientation and lunch on October 30th.

Open Positions

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

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

President Elect (2 candidates for 1 open position):

Jeanie Holt, MS, MPH

Nandi Marshall, DrPH, MPH, CHES, CLC, CDE

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

Danielle Campbell, MPH

Donna-Marie Palakiko, PhD, MS, BS, RN, APRN

Kusuma Schofield, MEd, MPH

Jimmie Smith, MD, MPH

Melissa Toledo-Ontiveros, MA, MCJ, MPA

(*Ashley Wennerstrom, PhD, MPH was also selected as a candidate, but withdrew from the race on October 7, 2024. Given the timing of the resignation following the start of campaigning, Dr. Wennerstrom was not replaced on the slate)

Nominees for APHA Honorary Vice President:

Canada- Vamini Selvanandan, MD, MPH, CCFP- Chair, Canadian Public Health Association

Latin America and the Caribbean- Fernando Sacoto, MD, MPH- Executive Director, Alliance of Public Health Associations in the Americas and President, Ecuadorian Society of Public Health

United States- Bechara Choucair, MD- Executive Vice President and Chief Health Officer, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Inc.