

**TO:** AAL Steering Committee

**FROM:** Nominations and Elections Committee

**DATE:** May 24, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report of the 2021-2022 Nominations and Elections Committee

The Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) this year were Josué Hurtado (Chair) and Jessica Lydon.

### **New By-Law Implementation**

This year the committee began implementing the by-law changes approved at the March 8 2022 General Assembly meeting.

The committee took the following steps to implement the changes.

- The committee met to review elected positions to be filled and to select potential nominees.
- Created a new online nominations form that includes the position descriptions and links to the respective committee pages in Confluence.
- Added a section on the nomination form for candidates to submit a 3-4 sentence statement of purpose contextualizing their interest in the role. These statements were shared with AAL membership along with the draft and final ballots.
- Submitted a message to the AAL listserv for nominations and reminded members that the bylaw changes approved in March strongly encourages AAL members to appear on a ballot at least once every 4 years.
- The committee built on a spreadsheet created by the previous year's committee and will update it once the election is over to include information such as member's past service, past candidacies, unit/library within TUL, and other relevant details. This was in accordance with new bylaws that directed the committee to "maintain a record of past elections, which will contain information about AAL members to be used in planning the ballot."

## 2022 AAL Election

This year there were 12 openings on the ballot. The 2022/2023 new committee members are as follows:

- Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the Steering Committee: Jackie Sipes
- Recording Secretary of the Steering Committee: Courtney Eger
- Member-at-Large of the Steering Committee: Andrea Goldstein
- Continuing Education Committee: Becca Fulop, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (2 year term); Gabe Galson (1 year term)
- Nominations and Elections Committee: Vitalina Nova
- Selection and Appointment: Nick Perilli, Caitlin Shanley
- Representative Faculty Senate: Jill Luedke
- Faculty Senate Library Committee: Jackie Sipes
- Promotion and Regular Appointment: Erin Finnerty; Matt Ducmanas

The committee sent a call out for nominations on April 7, and sent multiple follow up calls to the AAL listserv as well as individuals and groups of members, encouraging them to submit their name for an elected committee position.

The committee received its first batch of nominees on Friday April 15, and with the assistance of the Steering Committee, continued to conduct outreach to assemble a full slate of nominees (22 nominees in total).

The final online ballot was submitted to membership via the AAL listserv and online voting occurred between Monday May 9 and May 16. Originally voting was to be completed by the May 10 general assembly, but a delay in gathering a sufficient number of nominees to make each election competitive for all 12 open positions (as required by the by-laws) caused a delay to the start of voting. A run-off election was held for the position in the Nominations and Elections committee. The winner of that election was Vitalina Nova.

Congratulations and thanks to all the winning candidates. The committee also heartily thanks every member who volunteered to run for a committee position this year. AAL could not function without your dedication and service.

Respectfully submitted,

Josué Hurtado (Chair)

Jessica Lydon