

2015 ALA Nominating Committee

Report from 2014 Midwinter Meeting

**Committee Members Present:** Ana-Elba Pavon, Diane Chen, Erica Findley, Jennifer Baxmeyer, Julius Jefferson, Peter Bromberg, Todd, Krueger, Teri Switzer (Chair)

**Committee Members Absent:** Sonia Alcantara-Antoine

**ALA Staff Liaison:** JoAnne Kempf

**Guest:** Nick Buron, 2014 Nominating Committee Member

**Meeting Summary**

The 2015 ALA Nominating Committee met during the ALA Midwinter Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2014, 10:30-12:00 noon. Following introductions and a review of the Nominating Committee Handbook, Nick Buron, 2014 Nominating Committee member, talked with the 2015 committee about their procedures and what worked as well as what didn't. Nick and Steve Matthews (2014 Nominating Committee chair) are available to answer our questions as needed.

Councilor Nominations: There are 33 vacancies and we need to get a minimum of 50 candidates. Seated councilors with terms expiring in 2015 are eligible to be on the ballot and can be on our list of candidates if they so desire to submit the online form. They also have the option to be considered for the ballot as a petition candidate. JoAnne will send an email to seated councilors informing them when the online form is open and inviting those whose terms will expire in 2015 to complete the online form if they are interested in being placed on the ballot. JoAnne will also contact the councilor candidates on the 2014 ballot who do not win and will invite them to reapply for consideration to be on the 2015 ballot.

The 2014 committee came up with 50 candidates. Eleven seated councilors with expiring terms completed online forms. The committee decided to include these eleven, which gave a total of 61 candidates for ALA Councilor.

Presidential Nominations: Tab 6 of the Nominating Committee handbook lists traits and attributes of ALA President-Elect Candidates. It is helpful to keep these in mind as we contact members and as we deliberate the list of potential candidates. The committee will submit two names for the office of President-Elect.

Committee Conference Calls and Meetings: The committee plans to hold monthly conference calls and meet in person during the 2015 annual conference. Between conference calls, members will reach out to their "liaison" units and begin to compile a list of potential Presidential and Councilor candidates. It was decided that we should contact the unit chair/president for names of members we should talk with about being considered as candidate.

Committee Candidate Contact List:

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Unit/Division/Roundtable/Etc.</b>
Ana-Elba Pavon	AILA, APALA, REFORMA, ALSC
Diane Chen	EMIERT, CALA, AASL
Erica Findley	VRT, ALCTS, LITA, EveryLibrary, Emerging Leader Colleagues
Jennifer Baxmeyer	SRRT, BCALA, ACRL
Julius Jefferson	FAFLRT,GODORT, IFRT,BCALA, FTRF
Peter Bromberg	NMRT, RT Coordinating, COSLA, ASCLA, RUSA, EveryLibrary, Emerging Leader Colleagues
Sonia Alcantara-Antoine	
Todd Krueger	GLBTRT, ERT,PLA, YALSA
Teri Switzer	IRRT, LIRT, LSSIRT, RMRT, ALISE, LLAMA, UNITED

Doodle polls will be used to schedule the monthly conference calls and the annual conference in-person meeting.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality is of utmost importance for us as we discuss potential candidates. Due to the sensitivity of our charge, much of what we discuss will be discussed over the phone rather than in email or ALAConnect.

Be sure to take time to read through our committee handbook, if you haven't already. Also, if I have left anything out or have something incorrect, let me (Teri Switzer) know.

**Big thanks to you all for agreeing to serve on this important committee! What we do during this next year will help shape our association for the future.**