American Library Association
2016 Nominating Committee
Information Update Report – 2015 Midwinter

February 2, 2015

Present: Susan Ballard, David King, Manny Figueroa, Joquetta Johnson (via phone), Portia Latalladi, Larry Neal (chair), Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Brian Schottlaender, JoAnne Kempf (ALA staff liaison) and Teri Switzer (guest, 2015 Nominating Committee chair)

Excused: Sharon Hu

1. Welcome and Introductions – Attendees introduced themselves and indicated the areas of ALA in which they are or have been involved. Larry will review the areas and note if we need to be mindful of any gaps.

2. Review of charge, process, timeline and recommendations from staff and past chair – JoAnne distributed a very useful notebook of information related to the process, timeline, sample forms and most importantly lists of members who have been contacted in the past.

   It was difficult to contact people and to schedule conference calls in July and August. JoAnne is working with the firm that handles ALA elections to see if we can open the Biographical Form early (sometime during March, the earlier the better) so that we may close it in early June. This would allow the committee to potentially firm up our final candidates (especially for president and treasurer) at ALA Annual.

   Teri provided useful insights from last year’s process.

3. JoAnne will send a message to divisions, units, roundtables on committee’s behalf publicizing the call for nominees. She will also send a message to emerging leaders and SPECTRUM scholars.

4. Larry will send out Doodle polls to first narrow down the best dates and times for people to join conference calls and then send out potential dates for calls.

5. The committee will meet for several hours on Monday, June 29 after 10:30 a.m. JoAnne will put in the meeting request and let us know as soon as she finds out.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Neal, Chair