

TO: ALA Executive Board

RE: Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2014 ALA Election

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:

For information purposes; no action requested.

ACTION REQUESTED BY:

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Meetings and Process:

The committee held its first meeting on January 26th at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Nancy Davenport, Chair of the 2013 ALA Nominating Committee reported on the work of her group. She indicated that it had been difficult to recruit candidates for councilor and that we should make a concerted effort to be sure we had enough. The charge to the committee was then read, and we began the process to choose a slate for the 2014 ALA election that would include two candidates for ALA President-elect and at least 51 candidates for ALA Councilor-at-Large. We then reviewed some potential candidates for ALA President-elect and members volunteered to make contacts. Each committee member also agreed to serve as a contact and liaison to selected ALA Divisions, Roundtables, and Affiliates so that all of these groups would be contacted and have a conduit for questions and nominations.

Between Midwinter and Annual Conference, the committee met once a month by conference call. We put forward possible nominations for ALA President-elect and members volunteered to talk with each suggested ALA member. We also advanced our liaison work to encourage all ALA groups and ALA Chapters to encourage their members to fill out the nomination form when it became available on May 13. During this late winter and early spring time period, we laid the groundwork for building both of our slates because it is too early for members to fill out the form and many are preoccupied (and a few are confused) by the fact that this is happening in the midst of this year's ALA election.

By the Annual Conference, we had lined up our potential President-elect candidates and were working to broaden the slate for council by expanding contacts and spreading the word through face-to-face meetings at the conference. We also asked all candidates who had run in the last

three elections to consider running again, and we made contacts among these to provide personal encouragement. On August 5th, we met by conference call and decided that we had sufficient candidates for both ALA President-elect and for Councilor-at-Large to close the 2014 Nominating Site on August 16.

By the end of September, we had finished our task as defined in our charge. We have put forward two candidates for ALA President-elect and 61 candidates for ALA Councilor-at-Large. We had thought that we would limit our councilor list to 51 with maybe a few extra to allow for attrition after the slate was named because we wanted to maximize the possibility for candidates who had agreed to run to be able to win. However, since this is the first year certainly in a while that the committee considered sitting councilors (those with terms ending in 2014) for a place on the official slate, we decided that we would expand the total number, since there were nine sitting councilors who had requested to be considered for a place on the ballot. We also reviewed every candidate who filled out a form, and after review, we added all of them who had actually completed the biographical part of the form. We felt that while we had recruited candidates and many of them had completed the form, we also wanted to acknowledge the candidates who responded to the requests of the ALA groups that we had contacted and showed interest and commitment by filling out the form.

Our final slate has the following profile:

By workplace:

- 22 Academic
- 20 Public
- 7 School
- 1 Special
- 4 Library Education
- 3 State Lib/Gov
- 2 Consultants
- 1 Consortium
- 1 Vendor

By State and Country:

- 7 NY
- 5 TX
- 4 CA, IL, IN, MO, VA
- 3 MA
- 2 DC, CO, KS, NC, OK, TN, WA
- 1 AZ, CT, FL, ME, NV, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC
- 1 China, Canada

Observations and Recommendations:

This committee was a cordial and very effective group of ALA members. Everyone reached out to find candidates, and we believe that our final slates serve the Association well. However:

- We were disappointed by the low numbers of responses we received from our liaison work with ALA Divisions and Roundtables. Because it is important to have diverse voices heard in ALA, we believe that divisions and roundtables may need to strengthen any formal activities or identifiable structural elements currently in place that encourage and/or consciously prepare their leaders to see leadership in ALA as a next logical step in their service to the Association and librarianship. The nominating committee also believes that future committee communication should target divisional presidents-elect, because these leaders are making appointments and may be able to put forward members who might be interested in taking the next step toward Association-wide responsibilities. It may also be helpful to work in tandem with Division and Roundtable Councilors, as well as Chapter Councilors to make the case for ALA leadership to their boards, committees, and their members.
- Anything we can do to make it easier for members to step up, find the nominating form, and submit it would be beneficial. Perhaps from May, when the site opens until mid-August when it closes, there could be a prominent “BUTTON” on the ALA Website to encourage members to express their interest in running.
- As we continue to look at restructuring the Association to be more responsive and nimble, we may want to consider how best we can get the word out about the importance of encouraging members to see association-wide leadership as a natural step in their participation and make the transition from Division or Roundtable work to ALA work a key goal and a built-in value in both structure and message. If leadership development in these crucial times is one of our priorities, then we need to evaluate and perhaps recast the big picture of how we create and nurture our current and future leaders.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of this committee for their thoughtfulness, dedication, and good humor throughout this process. Also, my hat is off to JoAnne Kempf for her solid knowledge of the workings of ALA Elections and her wise counsel throughout the year. She understood how it all works, was able to help us turn our suggestions into productive actions, and was eternally pleasant, patient, and professional.

Steve Matthews
Chair, 2014 ALA Nominating Committee

Committee Members:

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Adriene Lim
Andrew Pace
Eva Poole
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**NOMINATED SLATE OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE 2014 ALA ELECTION**

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

Sari Feldman, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, Ohio.

COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

Denice C. Adkins, Associate Professor, School of Information Science & Learning Technologies, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Anya N. Arnold, Resource Sharing and Courier Program Manager, Orbis Cascade Alliance, Eugene, Ore.

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Steve Brantley, Head of Reference and Instruction/Associate Professor, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill.

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