

AAA Nominations Committee Annual Report for 2006

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Following on decisions made at a Nominations Committee brainstorming session held during the 2005 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, and with the excellent assistance of AAA staff, the Nominations Guidelines, Instructions, and Forms were posted on the AAA website at the beginning of summer 2006. This fact was “advertised” via E-News, the *AN*, and a blast email to the membership. Reminders were sent to Section Presidents during the summer urging them to submit nominations for the available positions, along with providing Section endorsements of particular nominees.

Beginning in mid-July, the Nominations Committee undertook an on-line discussion of possible candidates for the President-Elect position that is on the Spring 2007 ballot. This also was a result of the 2005 brainstorming session, namely, that the committee needed to involve itself more actively in the recruitment process for the officer positions (President-Elect and Secretary). After lively and frank discussion, in his role as Nominations Committee Chair the Secretary contacted three people endorsed by the Committee and urged them to either self-nominate or get someone else (Sections included) to support their nomination. All three agreed to do so and were in the candidate pool, so this process worked well and it assured a strong group of highly qualified candidates.

Finally, primarily for financial reasons (saving the AAA approximately \$10,000), the Committee conducted its deliberations via two lengthy teleconference calls on November 3 and November 10, 2006, in advance of the Annual Meeting in San Jose. This worked quite efficiently, although the consensus of the Committee is that meeting face-to-face is far preferable. A full slate of proposed candidates was prepared and presented for the Executive Board’s review and approval at the Annual Meeting later in November.