As of November 2021, I have not yet convened the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee (Wilda Logan, Lisa Mangiafico, Rachel Vagts) to begin its work, but will do so in the following weeks. (The committee first convened on Friday, January 7, 2022.)

Our principal business will be recruiting a slate of candidates to fill Class B member seats that are expiring in August 2022. Our objective will be to recommend a slate to the SAA Council early in May. In the previous cycle, the committee developed a solicitation process which closely follows that used to recruit SAA’s appointed group leadership. We also determined that we would avoid soliciting applicants during the annual call for SAA leaders, which closed on December 15, 2021. I propose that we launch our call early in January with a February 15 application deadline. The committee will then be able to evaluate candidates during the mid-February through mid-April timeframe and should be able propose a slate to the Foundation Board in late April with an eye to recommending the slate to Council around May 1.

In December and January we will need to promote Board service through SAA media channels to help association members better understand the work of the Foundation and how service on the board makes it happen. We hope that by doing so we will improve the size and overall quality of the applicant pool.

While this work is going on, we will also be making a couple changes to the online application form to better tease out the relevant experience of applicants and their specific reasons for wanting to serve on the SAA Foundation Board.