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2018-2019 Nominating Committee Report

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The Society of American Archivists' 2018-2019 Nominating Committee has completed its work, following the Council's approved procedures. From July to October 2018 the Committee assembled a list of nominated candidates, discussed the candidates' qualifications, ranked the potential candidates, and contacted members to verify their willingness to serve. The following members agreed to stand for the respective offices and were presented as the 2019 slate of candidates:

Vice President/President Elect: Rachel Vagts, Margery N. Sly

Council (3-year term): Eric Chin, Talya Cooper, Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Mario H. Ramirez, Nicole Saylor, Meg Tuomala

Nominating Committee: Lae'l Hughes-Watkins, Daria Labinsky, Nicole D. Laflamme, Deborah A. Richards, Florence M. Turcotte, Joshua Youngblood

The Committee developed the following questions, which were posed to the candidates and were included with candidate answers on the election website:

Vice President/President-Elect: At its November 2018 meeting, the SAA Council reviewed and reaffirmed SAA's strategic plan, indicating a strengthened commitment to Goal 3 (Advancing the Profession). Looking ahead to 2019–2021, please discuss what you see as the strengths of the current strategic plan, two or three ways in which you might seek to advance the profession, and the rationale for your suggestions.

Council: As a governing leader of SAA, how will you use your three years on the SAA Council to provide value to SAA members, to increase opportunities for participation for all members, and to ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment in which SAA members can share, learn, and grow together?

Nominating Committee: Although Nominating Committee members serve for just one year, their work has a lasting impact on SAA and its members through the selection of Vice Presidential, Council, and Treasurer candidates, as well as selection of the Nominating Committee slate that determines the next set of slates. Given the long-term

reach of the Nominating Committee, what will be your approach in developing a slate of candidates that 1) demonstrates commitment to SAA's strategic goals and 2) facilitates the organization's mission of promoting the value and diversity of archives and archivists?

SAA staff administered the election online using the VoteNet online balloting service from February 26 and March 19, 2019. There was a participation rate of nearly 23% in the -2019 election, which was up 5 percentage points from last year.

Election results were announced via the SAA website and social media, *In The Loop*, and *Archival Outlook*. The results are as follows:

Vice President/President-Elect: Rachel Vagts

Council (2019-2022): Eric Chin, Mario Ramirez, and Meg Tuomala

2019-2020 Nominating Committee: Lae'l Hughes-Watkins (Chair), Daria Labinsky, and Joshua Youngblood

Due to unforeseen circumstances, candidates Janet Bishop (Council), Andrea Jackson (Council) and Ashley Stevens (2020 Nominating Committee), chose to step out of the election. The 2019 Nominating Committee added Nicole Saylor and Meg Tuomala to the slate for the Council and Florence Turcotte to the slate for the 2020 Nominating Committee. Due to these circumstances, the completion of the slate took longer than the desired timeline.

As chair and an early career professional, I extend a tremendous amount of gratitude to my colleagues serving on the Nominating Committee for their thoughtfulness, persistence, and professionalism. Additionally, the Nominating committee would like to extend gratitude and appreciation to the SAA staff for bringing the candidate slate to fruition. As always, and never without honest measure, we extend a particular thank you goes to Felicia Owens for her graciousness, patience, and direct assistance.