

Society of American Archivists Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
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Virtual Meeting

Report of the Nominating Committee
(Prepared by Dennis Meissner, Executive Committee Member and
Nominating Committee Chair)

The 2019-2020 Nominating Committee comprised Wilda Logan, Dennis Meissner, and Rachel Vagts. Their work during this year was focused entirely on the election of Class B members for the 2020-2021 cycle of the Board.

Election of Foundation Board Class B Members: The Nominating Committee began its solicitation work by determining which of the four sitting Board members with expiring terms would be willing and able to be appointed to an additional three-year term, and also whether we should be more aggressive about refreshing the Board with new members at this time. Last year (2018-19) we added no new members to the board, recommending instead to reappoint the three members (Cline, Sly, Logan) whose terms were expiring. The last time we brought in new Class B board members was in 2018 (Angelique Richardson, JoyEllen Williams).

The Board is at full capacity, as specified in its bylaws. The four expiring seats are held by: Sharmila (2017-2020), Waverly Lowell (2014-2020), Dennis Meissner (2014-2020), and Michele Pacifico (2017-2020).

Of the four Board members, Waverly Lowell declined to be reappointed and the remaining three desired reappointment. The Committee decided to recommend reappointing Bhatia, Meissner, and Pacifico and bringing on one new Board member. The Committee has had two potential new members under consideration for some time: Lisa Mangiafico (Senior Director of Information Services, Soroptimist International of the Americas) and Donna McCrea (Head of Archives and Special Collections / Professor, University of Montana, Missoula). The Committee decided to recommend the election of Lisa Mangiafico, who brings strong skills and experience in nonprofit board service that would greatly benefit the Board at this time in its development. At its August 3 meeting, the SAA Council elected Mangiafico to a three-year term as a Class B member.

Future Appointments to the Board: The committee discussions about appointments exposed the larger issue of the nominating and vetting process, and how we envision and then achieve the complement of Board members that best serves the Foundation's mission. The Nominating Committee recommends that the Foundation Board place such a discussion on its agenda in the upcoming year.

[Staff Note: See Agenda Item 0820-SAAF-III-B-BoardRecruit for a discussion item regarding the Board recruitment process.]