Charge: The Nominating Committee was assigned its regular charge to find candidates for Vice-President and Secretary for the following academic year to run in the general election.

Summary: This year’s committee sought to find a larger pool of applicants than in previous years where candidates often ran unopposed. The hope was that at a minimum there would be at least two candidates for each office to provide the membership with a choice. Names were received from an ongoing list of interested people that is maintained by the nominating committee. In addition, this year, the list was supplemented by a call to Division Chairs to volunteer names.

The names were first reviewed by the committee for any disqualifications or other obstacles. In addition to the Bylaws that prohibit anyone from running for a position within two years of another person from the same campus, the committee also took care that there would be no more than one candidate for each division. Then, in the interest of time, the prospective candidates were contacted by email to see if they were interested in a phone call to explore the possibility of running for office. Those who replied in the affirmative were called by the committee chair and Past-President for a discussion. The phone calls were completed in December 2015. Those agreeing to run after the phone call were reviewed by the committee one more time. Then, formal invitations were sent to the qualifying candidates.

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