

To: Carla Arbagey, LAUC President
Cc: Roger Smith, LAUC Vice President, Jerrold Shiroma, LAUC Web Manager
From: LAUC Nominating Committee
Re: 2017-2018 LAUC Nominating Committee

Date: August 29, 2018

Charge: For 2017-18, the Committee was charged with fulfilling duties as described under Article IX with particular emphasis on sections 3-4 (approved by UCOP April 1, 2016):

- The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for Vice President (President Elect) and Secretary. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President earlier than 1 December, or if a vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice President (President-Elect), the Nominating Committee also shall nominate candidates for President. (See Articles IV and IX, Sections 5, 6, and 7.)
- The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of nominees to the Secretary. However, additional nominees may be submitted by the membership to the Secretary, which not vetted by the Nominating Committee.
- No candidate for any office shall be from the same Division as the current Vice President/President Elect. Candidates for a particular office shall not be from a Division which has one of its members serve in that office during the current or preceding terms. For the 2017-18 election, there can be no candidate from UCSD for any position. In addition, no candidates from either UCI (Past President) or UCR (current President) may run for Vice President. No one from UCLA (Past Secretary) or UCB (current Secretary) may run for Secretary. Therefore, candidates for Vice President may be drawn from UCB, UCD, UCLA, UCM, UCSB, UCSC, or UCSF. Candidates for Secretary may be drawn from UCD, UCI, UCM, UCSB, UCSC, or UCSF.
- The LAUC Secretary has developed an Election Calendar, after consulting with the President and the Executive Board and selected **June 8, 2018** as the last day that ballots may be cast. This Election date drives all the other dates in the election process.
- The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of nominees in writing, with their written consent and biographies, to the Secretary at least sixty-five (65) days prior to the date of the election. Based on this year's LAUC election calendar, the slate will be due to the LAUC Secretary on **March 15, 2018**.

Summary of Action Items:

The three-person committee was convened on October 9, 2017; all meetings were held using Zoom. Some communication occurred among individual committee members by telephone. Despite great efforts made the committee members, we did not succeed in finding qualified candidates for LAUC Vice President/President elect this year within the legislated timeline. The Committee combed lists that had been created over the past two years by previous Nominating Committees and contacted over 50 individuals in person, by email, and by phone an average of three times per person. Appeals were made to Division chairs and past chairs. In addition, systemwide committee chairs and past systemwide committee chairs were consulted, as were individuals personally known by Nominating Committee members. In mid-March, contrary to the written charge above, it was found that UC Irvine was eligible

to run a Vice Presidential candidate, but multiple appeals to potential candidates yielded no results. A final appeal made during the Assembly, which was past the official date for choosing the LAUC Vice President/President elect candidate, resulted in no nominations for this office. Efforts continued past the official dates, but only after LAUC standing rule 600.1 B, which reads,

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was suspended by a vote of the LAUC Executive Board on May 9, 2018, was a candidate found. The UCSD candidate was located by a member of the LAUC Executive. Heather Smedberg was willing and able to submit her required statements for Vice President/President elect to the Secretary, Monica Singh, at the late date of May 11, 2018.

Locating two well-qualified candidates to run for LAUC Secretary did not require extraordinary efforts on the part of the committee. Melissa Browne (UC Davis) and Sarah Wallbank (UC Irvine) agreed to run. Both candidates for LAUC Secretary submitted their consent to run and biographies within the timeline and they were forwarded to Monica Singh in accordance with current procedures.

Recommendations:

The Nominating Committee would like to recommend reappraising and rewriting standing rules pertaining to the selection of Vice-President/President elect in such a way as to maximize eligible candidates. Separate from revising LAUC standing rules, LAUC Bylaws revisions should be made reducing the mandatory participation of all divisions in standing committees. Comments by identified perspective candidates and members in leadership positions often addressed difficulties divisions were having staffing both systemwide committees and local committees and positions. It is apparent that commitments outside of LAUC are diminishing the ability of its constituency to engage as actively as in the past. LAUC needs to accommodate the changes that potential candidates are identifying, or it risks losing its ability to thrive.

I would like to thank my committee members for all their hard work and diligence.

With respect,

The LAUC Nominating Committee 2017-18

Dana Peterman, Chair (UCLA)
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