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Committee Updates

Nominations and Elections Committee

November 2010

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Continuing and Completed Activities

June 2010: A call for nominations was distributed at the 2010 annual conference as part of the conference packet. The nomination form is also available at the NASIG website. An initial email blast was sent to the membership with a link to the online form. The call for nominations was also posted in the "What's New" section of the website and in the *NASIG Newsletter*.

August 2010: Additional email blasts were sent to the membership reminding people to submit nominations.

A question was raised of when the next treasurer should be elected, and after some discussion, it was determined that the next treasurer should be elected this cycle. The confusion was caused by a variation in the N&E manual which has since been corrected. A special announcement was sent out to the membership to solicit nominations for Treasurer and the tracking form on Google Docs was revised to include these nominees.

September 2010: Additional email blasts were sent to the membership reminding members to submit nominations.

October 2010: Nominations closed on October 11. The committee held a conference call on October 12 to go over the calendar in general and to discuss the process of contacting nominees. All nominees were contacted by the end of October. Potential candidates have until November 15 to submit their packets of information for further review.

The committee will have a conference call in late November or early December (we will confirm the date soon) to determine which candidates will have their references checked. Reference checking will be completed by mid-January, and the final slate will be announced around January 24.

Since the board is meeting unusually early in January due to the ALA schedule, the committee will not have the slate ready to announce for that meeting.

Calendar Update

The nomination cycle was adjusted and the calendar was updated in the early summer.

Budget

The N&E budget was submitted as requested in September 2010. The budget includes three conference calls. Point of clarification: Since the budget runs on the calendar year, the last conference call from the earlier election cycle, plus two conference calls from this cycle, are included in the budget.

Statistical Information

A total of thirty-eight different individuals were nominated for office. Two non-members were nominated. Of those who were determined to be members in good standing, twenty-one individuals declined to be vetted further. Of these, four were nominations for treasurer, seven were nominations for vice president/president-elect, twelve were nominations for member at large, and two of these people were nominated for more than one office. The most nominations for one office: one person received six nominations for member-at-large; several other people received two to three nominations.

In addition, here are the breakdowns of those we are continuing to review for possible adding to the slate: two nominees for vice president/president-elect, two nominees for treasurer, and eleven nominees for member at large. Two of these individuals were nominated for another office but only accepted member at large consideration.

Action(s) Required by Board

None at this time.

Questions for Board

None at this time.

Recommendations to the Board

Since ArcStone continues to have problems, it may be prudent at some point to consider migrating the NASIG website and other tools to another platform. Due to delivery delays this fall, the N&E committee has stopped using the listserv feature in ArcStone, and is instead using Google Groups. Our Google Docs site has been very useful for maintaining tracking of nominees and other documents.

Last year, due to the failure of the ArcStone system, we had to run a second election using Survey Monkey. We may consider using Survey Monkey again this year. This is something we will have to address in early 2011.

Submitted by

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