

ASALH Committee Report to the Executive Council

Date: May 10, 2021

Report Period: March 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021

Name of Committee: Nominating Committee

Purpose of Committee: Members have oversight and responsibility for all election procedures and vetting of candidates for office and Executive Council.

Committee Chair(s): Annette Palmer, Natanya Duncan

Committee Members: Zende Clark, Anita Shepherd, Maurice Gipson

Meetings: The committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month, 8:00-9:30pm by Zoom.

Goals/Objectives of Committee:

- . To nominate candidates to fill the positions of Executive Council Officers: President, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Programs, Secretary, Treasurer; as well as the vacant positions of Executive Council members including the Corporate member and the Student Member.
- . To develop criteria for vetting proposed members.
- . To adhere to the timeline for the election process and schedule as developed by the committee with reference to its duties as set forth in the Constitution of the Association.
- . To propose a constitutional change to stagger future elections to avoid replacing the entire officers' class at the same time.

Committee Activities:

Eight candidates have been nominated for positions of Executive Council officers—two for President, two for Vice President for Membership, two for Vice President for Programs, one for Secretary, one for Treasurer. Six candidates have been nominated for membership on the Executive Council in addition to one corporate and one student member. We will present the slate at the meeting of the Executive Council on June 3, 2021.

The committee wishes to recommend that present members of the Executive Council, who will receive the slate before the candidates are vetted by the Council and officially deemed candidates for office, be reminded that they should not discuss nominees externally before the Executive Council meeting on June 3. The ASALH Constitution states that in June:

The Executive Council shall ratify the slate of nominees. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall send a letter to each candidate informing him/her that his/her name is on the slate.

The nominating committee considers its task a serious effort to place people on the Executive Council whose main task will be to govern this organization well.

