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## JAAH Editor Search Final Report

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The subcommittee charged with the editor search for the *Journal of African American History* received a total of four applicants. Only two were outstanding. Both candidates had superb CVs and scholarly track records, as well as editorial experience.

The committee interviewed both candidates who ranked as full professors at their respected universities. The candidates were asked the following questions.

1. Could you explain to the committee your vision for *JAAH*?
2. How will you as editor reach out to a diversity of scholars (HBCU to PWIs to Minority Serving institutions to publish in *JAAH*?)
3. What is your history with ASALH and why do you think you would be a good fit as Editor?
4. How do you think your editorship will aid in building up ASALH as an organization?
5. Discuss future issues or special issues that you would like to see in the journal?
6. Follow-up questions by committee members.

Each candidate answered the questions posed to them thoughtfully. On March 2, 2023 the committee deliberated. The vote was 4 with one abstention for Professor Bertis English of Alabama State University as the new editor of the *JAAH*.