

Nominating Committee Report Feb 15, 2024, 2024 ASALH EC Meeting.

The Nominating Committee met on Tuesday at 7:35 PM. In attendance at the meeting were Bros. Cade, Kimble, Miletsky, and Sisters Foreman, Johnson, and Duncan. The meeting proceeded as follows:

The committee was advised that per the Constitution, the Executive Director had issued a call for student nominations to the EC. The nominations were to close on Jan 25, 2024, at 11:59 PM. There were four candidates to be considered. Before the meeting via One Drive all members of the committee were provided with the candidate documents for review. The conversation opened on the impressive work history, scholarly background, and interests as well as the impressive credentials of the candidates. The committee observed that two of the candidates anticipate graduation from terminal degree programs in 2024, with one anticipating degree completion and a graduation march as soon as May 2024.

The Chair advised that upon receiving the applications of the self-nominated candidates, the committee chair researched and verified their standing in ASALH, read their bios, and confirmed their willingness to serve and support ASALH.

The stipulations for student seats in the constitution were reviewed by the committee members. The Committee chair shared that there are three vacant seats. The vacancies present ASALH with an opportunity to mentor and encourage persons who are developing their academic and professional agendas to include the work of The Association as a part of their life-long endeavor.

Upon close review of the CVs of the candidates Bro. Miletsky shared that he was familiar with Candidate William Johnson and held him in high esteem. Bro. Cade also shared that he was familiar with Candidate Johnson and had attempted to recruit him for an employment opportunity some time ago. What stood out of the committee was the extensive Human Resources background of Candidate Johnson which he seems to have seamlessly blended with a career in the United States Marine Corp. Johnson anticipates graduation in December 2024.

The conversation then turned to Albert Thompson who has an anticipated graduation date of May 2024. Candidate Thompson has impressive teaching experience. He has also managed grants, curated public-facing history projects, and sits on the board of a National Humanities Institute.

We then reviewed the application of Tomiko Meeks. We noticed that Candidate Meeks has a background in Industrial/Organizational psychology and is a certified paralegal with a Professional Human resources certificate from Rice University. Meeks has also won grants from Mellon and the American Historical Association.

We next reviewed the application of James Morgan. It was noted that he is very active in several genealogical societies and has done extensive museum work. Candidate Morgan has contract writing experience and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The committee was impressed with what the potential asset each candidate represents for ASALH. It was unanimously decided at 7:53 Pm to bring all names forward to the EC for consideration. It was determined that should the EC agree, the committee would pursue launching a special election to fill the three vacant student seats on the EC following our constitution. The special election process would include a candidates' forum where each candidate will have the opportunity to present themselves and their credentials to the body of ASALH. After which one week for voting will be held and the result brought to the next EC meeting immediately following the close of the election for ratification and announcement by the ASALH president.

This ends the report of the Nominating Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malaya Dean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "D".

ASALH Nominating Committee Chair