



Annual Report 2006 ARLIS/NA Nominating Committee

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Leadership Update

The members of the 2006 Nominating Committee were Laura Schwartz (chair), Ellen Corrigan, Edward Teague, Allen Townsend, and Laurie Whitehill Chong. Ann Baird Whiteside served as Executive Board Liaison. The incoming chair is Carole Ann Fabian.

Narrative

The Nominating Committee was charged with submitting to the Executive Board a list of nominees consisting of the single most qualified candidate for each of five positions to be filled on the Board in 2007. Beginning with the initial committee meeting at the annual conference in Banff in May, the committee members worked consistently for seven months to carry out their charge. Communicating primarily by email and telephone, the members worked together to contact, consider, and recommend candidates for the positions. The following timeline summarizes the key activities of the committee which adhere to the requirements in the bylaws.

May-June. Recruitment of candidates for offices
June 26. Posting of "Call for Nominations" to membership on ARLIS/NA
July-August. Gathering and organization of supporting documentation by candidates
September. Recommendation of slate of candidates to the Executive Board
September 21. Approval of Slate of Candidates by Executive Board (excluding Midwest Regional Representative)
November 2. Approval of Midwest Regional Representative
November 8. Announcement of Board-approved slate posted to ARLIS-L
November 8. Candidates bios, statements, and photos are posted to website
November 17. Announcement to the membership of new slate approved by acclimation posted to ARLIS-L

The Board members recommended by the Nominating Committee, approved by the Executive Board, and accepted by the membership by acclimation are:

Kenneth Soehner, Vice-President/President-Elect
Rebecca Price, Secretary
Catherine Cooney, Northeast Regional Representative
Amy Trendler, Midwest Regional Representative
Elizabeth Schaub, South Regional Representative

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan

Written by the 2005 Nominating Committee Chair, Deborah Kempe, "The nominating committee can best contribute to Goal III: To be an advocate for our members, the profession and ARLIS/NA.

By identifying and successfully nominating the most qualified and outstanding members of ARLIS/NA, the committee is a tool for insuring that the strongest representatives of our profession continue to inspire, lead and make an impression both within and beyond the organization." Deborah's statement is accurate and succinct.

Issues for the Executive Board and next Committee

Methodology. The 2006 Committee followed the recommendations of the 2005 Committee and identified one candidate for each slate instead of the elaborate but cumbersome multiple candidates methodology. This committee realized that there are also problems with this alternative methodology, namely, if the Executive Board does not approve a candidate, a back up has not been identified.

List of potential candidates. The Committee recommends that a call that goes out on ARLIS-L asking the membership for their interest in serving on the Executive Board. The current list is rather exclusive.

Role of the Executive Board. The Executive Board wanted to have more input into the make-up of the slate. The Nominations Task Force will be addressing the role of the Executive Board in the Nominations process.

Task Force. Because both the Nominating Committee and the Executive Board felt that the Nominating Process could have gone more smoothly this year, the ARLIS/NA President set up the Nominations Task Force consisting of Nominating Committee Chairs from the past five years, since the Society had moved to a slate election process. Roger Lawson and Eumie Imm-Stroukoff co-chaired the Task Force. Sherman Clarke, Deborah Kempe, Betsy Peck Learned, and Laura Schwartz were the task force members. This report will be beneficial to future Nominating Committees and Executive Boards as it will more clearly outline the process. The current process was handed down from committee chair to committee chair, with scant documentation available in official ARLIS/NA Bylaws or manuals.