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Executive Summary

On August 22, 2016 the Nominating Committee for the 2017 ALA Election completed its charge of securing a slate of two highly qualified candidates for ALA President-Elect, and 75 candidates (51 minimum required) for ALA Council-at-Large for the ALA 2017 election (see Appendix A). All ALA members had the opportunity to be considered. While candidates for ALA President (O H F W Z H U H L G H Q W L I L H G W K U R X J K W K H & R P P L W W H H · V U H F of ALA members self-nominate for the Council-at-Large slots. The Committee found the

## Background

The committee commenced work at the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston on Saturday, January 9, 2016, and reviewed the process with Larry Neal, Chair of the previously V Nominating Committee. JoAnne Kempf, Director, ALA Governance Office, provided an extremely helpful overview of the nomination and election process and distributed a well organized, comprehensive manual. JoAnne also set up a private group in ALA Connect as several conference calls.

At the Midwinter Meeting, the committee conducted an inventory of the affiliations of each member, and agreed to leverage these networks to seek a broad and diverse pool of candidates. Between us we would be able to reach out to a diverse group of national and state library committee to be sure to contact all of the people on the potential candidate lists.

## Work of the Committee

To maintain the confidentiality of all Committee communications there was a commitment to use only the ALA Connect space for the sharing of information between members. After identifying the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00 pm as an agreed upon Committee meetings, the Committee organized itself to begin the work of reaching out to potential nominees for presidentelect. It was decided to focus Committee energy on the presidentelect and to wait to address Cow 0 612 792 upon time f

At its April meeting on April 16, 2016 Committee members began to share information about individuals who had been contacted, what the results of those contacts were and this was used to update the nominations spreadsheet. Since this was also a month after the announcement of the nomination process being opened we began to have reviews of the database to see if there were new nominations. While there were no nominations for president elect, we did begin to have nominations for councilor.

During May and June, prior to the Committee meeting at ALA Annual on June 25, 2016 the Committee members continued to identify potential candidates for president elect and then identify members who would follow up by contacting those individuals. In most cases the candidates were honored to be asked but for any number of reasons declined to be nominated. In addition we had a smaller number of interested individuals who were undecided and asked for more time. Also during this time we continued to monitor a slow but steadily growing number of individuals who were self-nominating for the ALA Council election. With assistance from our ALA liaison, JoAnne Kempf, we had regularly updated spreadsheets to track our progress.

When the Committee met at ALA on July 26, 2016 we did a review of our president elect candidates. Given that we still had a few undecided candidates and several new individuals to consider we decided to extend the closing date of the candidate nominations database to July 29, 2016. We also saw ALA as an opportunity to do some face-to-face solicitation of candidates. Committee members were asked to perform networking activity to either identify potential candidates or to ask colleagues to share names of potential candidates.

Future committees if ALA Annual does not do their work, should target it as an opportunity to increase the number of potential candidates. The Committee also reviewed the Council candidates and determined that a fair number had started but not yet completed the biographical information form and statement. Committee members divided up those individuals and agreed to follow up with them after the conference. Finally the Committee determined that a new announcement would go out to the ALA membership with information about the extension of the deadline.

#### Slate for President-Elect and Councilors-at-Large

Despite the extension of the closing date for the candidate nominations database we had roughly the same pool of candidates for President-Elect as prior to ALA Annual. While the pool was smaller than the Committee had sought to bring together, the members were pleased with the high quality and strong qualifications of those final candidates. By early August the Committee identified which candidates to seek for the Slate for President-Elect, and they would be contacted after the IFLA conference. On August 22 the Chair personally contacted the Committee's top two choices to ask if they would be willing to commit to stand for election. Both individuals accepted this invitation to stand, thus providing the slate. Each was asked to keep this highly confidential until ALA issued its press release announcing the slate. The Chair then passed this information on to JoAnne Kempf so that she could prepare the press release, which was issued the first week of September, 2016.

After completing the search for President-Elect candidates, the Committee turned its attention to the candidates for Council. We had received 76 nominations which exceeded expectations. Because this was a somewhat l



2017 Slate of Candidates

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Loida Garcia-Febo, International Library Consultant and President of Information New Wave in Brooklyn, New York

Terri Grief, School Librarian at McCracken County High School in Paducah, Kentucky

COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

Hilary Albert, Librarian II, Mahopac (New York) Public Library

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Stevo Roksandić Regional Director of Library Services, Mount Carmel Health System, Columbus, Ohio

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