



Nominations Committee Annual Report to the Governing Council

November 11, 2023

Members of the 2022-2023 Nominations Committee

Mary Armstrong, PhD- Chair (Term Expires 2023)

Mae-Gilene Begay, MSW (Term Expires 2023)

Nick Collins, MPH, BSN, MCHES (Term Expires 2024)

Christa Cook, PhD, MS, BSN, BA (Term Expires 2024)

Durrell Fox, BS (Term Expires 2024)

Angelica Hardee, PhD (Term Expires 2025)

Jessie Hood, ScD, MPH (Term Expires 2023)

Quinyatta Mumford, MPH, CHES (Term Expires 2023)

Maija Williams, MPH, CHES (Term Expires 2025)

Chris Chanyasulkit, PhD, Ex-Officio, President

Georges Benjamin, MD, FACP, Ex-Officio,
Executive Director

Process

- The Nominations Committee began its work in November 2022 at the Annual Meeting to recruit potential candidates
- The Committee communicated primarily through email and via video-conference calls.
- Open leadership positions were announced in the January issue of *The Nation's Health*, Inside Public Health, the Affiliate Newsletter, and to the ISC and Section Chairs.
- Committee Members were each assigned 9 to 10 APHA Member Units to contact regarding open elected leadership positions. Members of the Committee were given the contact information for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Nominations Chair (if available) of their assigned Components. Committee members also reached out directly to other leaders they either knew or were recommended to contact to see if they themselves were interested in running or if they could recommend a potential candidate(s)
- The Nominations Committee held a well-attended virtual Q&A session on March 15, along with current members of the Executive Board, for interested candidates and leaders which detailed nomination and candidate process and experience.
- Additionally, the Committee shared a video featuring current and former leaders detailing their experience in Executive Office and on the Executive Board to provide potential candidates a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities.
- The deadline to put forward a name for consideration by the Nominations Committee was Tuesday, April 19, but the deadline was extended by two weeks.
- The Nominations Committee met via conference call on May 25 to select the slate of candidates. Factors considered in the selection of the slate of candidates included the diversity factors such as

gender, race and ethnicity, professional background, geographic distribution, membership in APHA member units, as well as Affiliate involvement and experience both professionally and within APHA. The committee also looked for skills among the nominees that might enhance those of current board members (a detailed review of the current Executive Board was completed and presented to the Nominations Committee)

- The slate of candidates was presented to the Governing Council at the mid-year meeting on June 13
- The campaign guidelines were shared with Candidates and Members. The guidelines were amended in October to add buttons to the approved list of campaign materials and are available for review at <https://apha.org/About-APHA/Governance/APHA-Boards-and-Councils/Executive-Board/APHA-candidates>
- An orientation for the candidates was held via videoconference on June 27th.
- Candidates were announced in the August issue of the Nation’s Health and campaigning officially began on September 1st
- The Nominations Committee solicited the Governing Council (GC) for written questions for the candidates over the summer. The GC’s suggestions were reviewed and added to by the Nomination Committee and then sent to candidates to answer by October 2, 2023. Candidate’s answers to the written questions can be found by visiting apha.org/candidate and then selecting the respective candidates name, scrolling to the bottom of the screen and clicking the hyperlink “Response to Written Question...”
- A second orientation for candidates to review the roles and responsibilities, committees and schedule of the Executive Board will be held October 24th.
- Governing Councilors were invited to participate in the CoA/ISC Candidates Forum on October 25th.
- The candidates will each deliver a 1-minute speech to the Governing Council during Session I at the Annual Meeting on November 11th.
- The Governing Council will elect 1 President-Elect, 1 Speaker of the Governing Council and 3 Executive Board members from among the candidates during Session II at the Annual Meeting on November 14th, as well as vote to approve the slate of candidates for Honorary Vice President for the US, Canada and Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Those elected will be invited to a new member orientation and lunch on November 15th.

Open Positions

1 – President Elect Position (3-year term President Elect, President and Past President)

1- Speaker of the Governing Council (3-year term)

3 – Executive Board Member Positions (4-year term)

2023 Candidates

President Elect (2 candidates for 1 open position):

- [Hope Rollins, BS](#)
- [Deanna Wathington, MD, MPH, FAAFP](#)

Speaker of the Governing Council (1 candidates for 1 open position):

- [M. Aaron Guest, PhD, MPH, MSW](#)

Executive Board Member (6 candidates for 3 open positions):

- [Jessica Boyer, MPH, MSW](#)
- [Monique Brown, PhD, MPH, FGSA](#)
- [Debra Jackson, DSc, MPH](#)
- [Shirley Orr, MHS, APRN, NEA-BC](#)
- [Kusuma Schofield, MEd, MPH](#)
- [Lina Tucker Reinders, MPH](#)

Nominees for APHA Honorary Vice President:

- **Canada:** Vamini Selvanandan, MD, MPH, CCFP (EM), *Chair of Board of Directors, Canadian Public Health Association*
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** Jarbas Barbosa, MD, PhD, *Director, Pan American Health Organization*
- **United States:** Robert K. Ross, MD, *President and CEO, The California Endowment*