



Nominations Committee Annual Report to the Governing Council

October 23, 2021

Members of the 2020-2021 Nominations Committee

Jen Collins, PhD, RN- Chair (Term Expires 2021)

Mary Armstrong, PhD (Term Expires 2023)

Zamir Brown, MPH (Term Expires 2023)

Kevin T. Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA (Terms Expires 2021)

Allison Casola, PhD, MPH, CHES (Term Expires 2022)

Shenita Freeman, MSHIA, MPH, RHIA, CPHIMS, HCISPP, CPH (Term Expires 2022)

Jessie Hood, ScD, MPH (Term Expires 2023)

Ashley Love, DrPH, MPH, MS, CPH (Term Expires 2022)

Elizabeth Sommers, PhD, MPH (Term Expires 2021)

José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA, Ex-Officio, President

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

Process

- The Nominations Committee began its work in December 2020 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 Components to contact regarding open elected leadership positions. Members of the Committee were given the contact information for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Past Chair (if available) of their assigned Components. Committee members also networked 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)
- In addition to candidates for 2021, the Committee maintained a list of candidates who confirmed interest in being considered in future years. This practice began in 2020 and proved useful in recruiting candidates for 2021.

- The Nominations Committee held a well-attended virtual Q&A session, along with current members of the Executive Board, for interested candidates and leaders which detailed the nomination and candidate process and experience.
- The deadline to put forward a name for consideration by the Nominations Committee was Friday, April 16, but the deadline was extended by 10 days to April 26.
- The Nominations Committee met via conference call on May 17 and 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 14.
- An orientation for the candidates was held via videoconference on July 2.
- In June and July, the Nominations Committee sought feedback from potential candidates via an anonymous online survey to evaluate the nominations process and also conducted a survey to assess Nominations Committee member experience. These findings were used to improve the nominations process, as well as committee member experience. Development of an orientation guide for Nomination Committee members is planned.
- Candidates were announced in the August issue of the Nation's Health.
- The Nominations Committee solicited the Governing Council (GC) for questions for the GC Candidates Forum beginning on August 11 and concluding September 13.
- On September 14, the Nominations Committee met to determine the format and timing of the GC Candidates Forum. The Committee finalized the list of questions to be asked via email.
- A second orientation was held with the candidates on October 12 which provided an overview of their responsibilities on the Executive Board should they be elected.
- The Governing Council Candidates Forum for President-Elect was held October 14 and the Executive Board Forum was held October 15. The forums were recorded and are available for viewing on the Governing Council Annual Meeting materials webpage.

Open Positions

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

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

2021 Candidates

President-Elect (2 candidates for 1 open position):

- Chris Chanyasulkit, PhD, MPH
- Ron Manderscheid, PhD, MA

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

- Melissa (Moose) Alperin, EdD, MPH, MCHES
- Bryan Buckley, DrPH, MPH
- Amy Lee, MD, MPH, MBA
- Emmanuel Peprah Jr., PhD
- Gopal Sankaran, MD, DrPH, MNAMS, CHES
- Jungling Wang, PhD

The Nominations Committee also recommends the following individuals to serve as Honorary Vice-Presidents. There are strictly honorary positions.

Nominees for APHA Honorary Vice President:

- *Canada-* Benita Cohen, RN, MSc, PhD, Chair of the Board of Directors, Canadian Public Health Association
- *Latin America and the Caribbean-* Ramon Anulfo Lopez, MD, Executive Director, Alliance of Public Health Associations of the Americas (AASPA) and founding member of the Dominican Society of Public Health (SODOSAP)
- *United States-* Gail Christopher, PhD, DN, ND, Executive Director of the National Collaboration for Health Equity (NCHE)