



Nominations Committee Mid-Year Report to the Governing Council

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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 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, 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).

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 Chanyasukit, 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 Peparah Jr., PhD
- Gopal Sankaran, MD, DrPH, MNAMS, CHES
- Jungling Wang, PhD

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)

Upcoming Activities

- A Candidate Orientation webinar will be held in late June/early July
- The Nominations Committee will solicit the Governing Council for candidate questions beginning in July.
- The slate of candidates will be announced in the August issue of *The Nation's Health*.
- Campaigning officially begins on Aug.1.
- Plans are underway for a virtual Candidates Forum(s) ahead of the Annual Meeting. Details will be provided once available.