



## Nominations Committee Mid-Year Report to the Governing Council

June 10, 2024

### Members of the 2023-2024 Nominations Committee

Nick Collins, MPH, BSN, MCHES- Chair  
Allison Casola, PhD, MPH, MCHES (\*May  
2024- Nov 2024)  
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Georges Benjamin, MD, FACP, Ex-Officio,  
Executive Director

### Process

- The Nominations Committee began its work in December 2023 to recruit potential candidates
- The Committee communicated primarily through email and via video-conference calls.
- Open leadership positions were announced in the January-March 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 leadership of their assigned Member Units. 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 nomination and candidate process and experience.

- Additionally, the Committee promoted 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 Friday, April 19, but the deadline was extended to May 5.
- The Nominations Committee met via conference call on May 22 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)

## **2023 Candidates**

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

Jeanie Holt, MS, MPH

Nandi Marshall, DrPH, MPH, CHES, CLC, CDE

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

Danielle Campbell, MPH

Donna-Marie Palakiko, PhD, MS, BS, RN, APRN

Kusuma Schofield, MEd, MPH

Jimmie Smith, MD, MPH

Melissa Toledo-Ontiveros, MA, MCJ, MPA

Ashley Wennerstrom, PhD, MPH

## **Upcoming Activities**

- A Candidate Orientation webinar will be held in late June/early July
- Honorary Vice President Candidates for the United States, Canada and Latin American and the Caribbean will be shared with the Governing Council shortly via email.
- 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 will begin on September 1, 2024
- Plans are underway for the Candidates Forum(s). Details will be provided once available.