

## **Nominations and Elections Committee 2001**

### **Committee Charge:**

The Nominations and Elections Committee is charged with the development of a slate of nominees for the election of association officers. Nominees are necessary for the following positions: President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **2001 Activity**

- The committee received its charge via e-mail (sent December 18, 2000) from President Norm Nesheim.
- The chair communicated with committee via emails following receipt of charge.
- The committee contacted AAPSE members via e-mail (01/24/00) asking them to recommend potential candidates.
- The committee discussed member recommendations and their suggestion during one telephone conference (02/16/01). A 'short list' of nominees was agreed upon.
- The chair and committee members contacted potential nominees for willingness to serve during February and March.
- The chair reported on committee progress at an Executive Committee meeting in March. At this time, the EC addressed questions raised by one nomination; specifically, that of Win Hock for President-Elect. The issues were the eligibility of emeritus faculty who will remain active in C&T after retiring from a position as Extension Coordinator, and availability of AAPSE funds to support travel to AAPSE functions as required of the President. The EC found the nomination valid. Funds from AAPSE and support promised by EPA C&T should provide Win with travel funds should he be elected. This information was passed to the candidate, who accepted the nomination.
- The chair sent the 2001 slate to the Secretary (cc: the Executive Committee) in April (04/16/01) via email.
- The chair asked the AAPSE webmaster to post the candidate statements and biographical sketches on the web in April 2001
- The chair announced the slate to AAPSE members via the AAPSE listserv in May (05/03/01), after bio sketches/cs were posted on the web.
- The chair reminded AAPSE members about voting procedures (where, when, how) via the AAPSE listserv in May (05/29/01).
- The chair prepared ballot and biographical sketches (draft in April 2001, final versions in June 2001.)
- The chair prepared a voting eligibility chart, a voting tally sheet, and a 'fill-in-the-blank' voting results document (June 2001.)
- Verification of eligible voting entities, identification of voting representatives, and ballot distribution procedures were discussed and finalized in May 2001.

- The committee produced a set of labeled envelopes (one envelope for each eligible voting entity.) One ballot was placed in each envelope. This was done to facilitate ballot distribution and verification of eligibility, as well as to streamline the election process, during the general business meeting.
- A 'task list' for voting procedures was drafted. This list of procedures will be presented to the Board of Directors. The By-Laws -- Article III, Section 8 -- state: "Voting. At the direction of the Board, voting on any matter, including election of directors or officers, may be conducted by mail or in other manner as the Board shall determine."
- A committee report was given to the AAPSE President (e-mail advance copy and in print.)
- The election was conducted at the National PAT&C Meeting in San Antonio in June.

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## **Nominations and Elections Committee 2001 Report**

The Nominations and Elections Committee consisted of one representative per USDA region.

At the request of the president, this committee developed a slate of candidates for the June 2001 election. The committee met once by telephone conference and numerous times by e-mail to discuss nominees. Prior to these deliberations, the committee contacted AAPSE members via e-mail to the listserve to solicit input, recommendations, and nominations.

These discussions resulted in the following slate of nominees:

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President-Elect:

Win Hock (ES/PA-NE)  
Joanne Kick-Raack (ES/OH-NC)  
Patrick O'Connor-Marer (ES/CA-W)

Secretary:

Bob Bellinger (ES/SC-S)  
Kathy Dictor (SLA/VA-S)  
Jennifer Weber (ES/CA-W)

Treasurer:

Ed Crow (SLA/MD-NE)  
Paul Guillebeau (ES/GA-S)  
Carol Ramsay (ES/WA-W)  
Bob Wolf (ES/KS-NC)

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Respectfully submitted,

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