

The committee commenced work at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, January 21, 2017, and reviewed the process with Stephen Bell, Chair of the Nominating Committee. JoAnne Kempf, Director, ALA Governance Office, provided a helpful overview of the nomination and election process and distributed a comprehensive manual. JoAnne also set up a private group in ALA Connect as well as several conference calls.

At the Midwinter Meeting, the committee conducted an inventory of the affiliations of each member, and agreed to leverage these networks to seek a broad and diverse pool of candidates. Between us we would be able to reach out to a diverse group of national and state library organizations and interest groups.

To maintain the confidentiality of all Committee communications there was a commitment to use the ALA Connect space for the sharing of information between members. It was decided to focus Committee energy on the president/elect search process first. To begin this work, identifying potential nominees, the Committee divided up the names on the potential candidate spreadsheet (individuals previously contacted about nominations), and then systematically contacted each individual.

With assistance from JoAnne Kempf we updated the spreadsheet by asking those called to

Academic Librarians	15
Public Librarians	21
School Librarians	10
Other (special, government, trustees, etc.)	16

Male

20

The Nominating Committee for the 2018 ALA Election wishes to thank President Jim Neal for this opportunity to serve ALA in this capacity. It was a wonderful committee and a great way to network across a diverse cross-section of the association. We would also like to thank JoAnne Kempf for her support, knowledge, response and good humor.

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