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MEMORANDUM

To: SSSP Board of Directors and Executive Director
From: David G. Embrick, Chair, 2012-2013 SSSP Elections Committee
Re: 2012-2013 Elections Committee Report
Date: July 30, 2013

1. Serving on the Election Committee were Heather Dalmage, Carol S. Walther, Crystal Jackson, and myself.
2. The 2012 Approved Nomination List was as follows: for President Elect; for Vice- President Elect; for Board of Directors (2 positions) ; for Student Representative to the Board of Directors; for Budget, Finance, & Audit Committee ; for Committee on Committees (2 positions) ; for Editorial & Publications Committee (2 positions) ; for Membership & Outreach Committee (3 positions, 1 must be filled by graduate student). Each name on the list was ranked when we received it. In addition, there were 12 By-Laws Amendments listed to be on the ballot.
3. The Process: As Chair, I assigned different lists to different committee members. Each member was then tasked to call individuals on the list, starting with the top ranked name. All SSSP policies concerning the election process were followed. Nominees were contacted in rank order until the correct number of candidates for each position was found. Initially most nominees were contacted by e-mail. The initial e-mail listed the office/committee for which the person was nominated, the description of that office/committee from the SSSP Operations Manual, and the length of the term being considered, and the statement that the nominee would have to be a member of the SSSP during the entire term. If we did not hear from an individual after one reminder email, we then called the person. Each nominee was given two week to consider her/his decision. Nobody called me to talk about the positions.
4. I encountered no significant issues worth reporting. Nobody called me to talk about the positions and I only answered a few question via e-mail.

5. Participation in Election Process: The total number of members as of 04/15/13 was 2,034. The total number of eligible to vote electronically was 1,868, with 166 additional members who requested not to vote in elections. The total number of voters this year was 397, with a participation rate of 20%. This represents a 1% decrease from the previous year (@ 21%). In an effort to try to increase voting turnout, staff sent out four e-mail reminders to those who had not voted on: March 25, April 4, April 14, and April 16.

6. The result of the 2012/13 SSSP was as follows: President-Elect, 2013/14 – Marlese Durr; Vice-President Elect, 2013/14 – Nancy J. Mezey; Secretary, 2013/14 – Glenn W. Muschert; Treasurer, 2013/14 – Susan M. Carlson; Board of Directors, 2013-16 – Heather M. Dalmage and John Dale; Board of Directors: Student Representative, 2013/15 – Margaret Austin Smith; Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, 2013/16 – Tracy L. Dietz; Committee on Committees, 2013/16 – Janet Rankin and Lori Ann Hale; Editorial and Publications Committee, 2013/16 – Nancy Naples and David Fasenfest; Membership and Outreach Committee, 2013/16 – Heather MacIndoe and Nadia Shapkina; Membership and Outreach Committee: Student Representative, 2013/16 – Meagan E. Jain. All 12 By-Laws Amendments were approved.

7. Clarification and approval for the final results of the SSSP 2013 Elections and the official acceptance/rejection letters were sent to Michele Koontz by the Chair of the Elections Committee on 04/17/13.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Society,
David G. Embrick
Chair, 2012-2013 Elections Committee