

To: SSSP Board of Directors and Executive Officer
From: Luis Fernandez, Chair, 2014-2015 SSSP Elections Committee
Re: 2014-2015 Elections Committee Report
Date: July 1, 2015

1. SSSP Elections Committee: Luis Fernandez (Chair), Stephani Williams (member), Suzanne Vaughan (member), and Michelle Harris (member).
2. The 2015 Approved Nomination List was as follows: for President Elect; for Vice-President Elect; for Board of Directors (3 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 (2 positions), and for Student Representative to the Membership & Outreach Committee (1 position). Each name on the list was ranked when we received it.
3. The Process: The committee identifying nominees that were listed for more than one position. Once this was determined, we contacted each candidate via e-mail for the higher ranking position first, in the contact order listed. This was not a complicated process since there were few people who showed up twice under different positions. Once this was settled, each committee member was assigned one or two lists to each committee member, who then contacted the nominees in order listed. All nominees were contacted by e-mail. The initial e-mail listed the office/committee for which the person was nominated, the length of the term being considered, and a requested response deadline two weeks from that date. If we did not hear from an individual after one reminder e-mail, we followed up with a phone call. All SSSP bylaws and accompanying protocol concerning the election process were followed.
4. Participation in Election Process: The total number of members as of 3/15/14 was 2,041. The total number of eligible to vote electronically was 1,895, with 146 additional members who requested not to vote in elections. The total number of voters this year was 405, with a participation rate of 20%. This represents a 2% increase from the previous year (@ 18%). In an effort to try to increase voting turnout, staff sent out three e-mail reminders to those who had not voted on February 25, March 7, and March 14.
5. The results of the 2014/15 SSSP election were as follows: President-Elect (2015-2016) and President (2016-2017) --Donileen R. Loseke; Vice-President Elect (2015-2016) and Vice-President (2016-2017) Valerie Leiter; Secretary (2015-2016) Glenn W. Muschert; Treasurer (2015-2016) Patrick Donnelly; Board of Directors (2015-2018) Louis Esparza, Saher Selod, and Elroi J. Windsor; Board of Directors: Student Representative (2015-2017) Kasey Henricks; Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee (2015-2018) Nancy J. Mezey; Committee on Committees (2015-2018) Maralee Mayberry and Deborah A. Potter; Editorial and Publications Committee (2015-2018) Valerie Jenness and Anna Maria Santiago; Membership and Outreach Committee (2015-2018) Rachel Allison and Jean M. Beaman; Membership and Outreach Committee: Student Representative (2015-2018) Janelle M. Pham
6. Personalized notification letters were sent to all candidates via e-mail on Monday, March 16, 2015. The election results were posted on the web site on Monday, March 30, 2015.

Luis Fernandez
Chair, 2014-2015 Elections Committee