

Date: July 21, 2020

To: Michele Koontz, SSSP Administrative Officer, and SSSP Board of Directors

From: Kristen M. Budd, Chair of the SSSP Nominations Committee

Re: SSSP 2019-2020 Nominations Committee Annual Report

First, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their service this year: Bhoomi Thakore, David Embrick, David Lane, and Stephani Williams. Thanks also to Michele Koontz, Rachel Cogburn, and the Administrative Office staff for their help in compiling documents and answering questions.

The Nominations Committee is responsible for identifying the slate of candidates that, once approved by the Board of Directors, will be forwarded to the Elections Committee, who then contact each candidate to confirm interest in running for election. The Committee was able to compile their list, which hopefully will be sufficient for the Election Committee's process.

Call for nominees – After the initial call for nominees, certain positions did not have enough nominees (e.g., President, Anti-harassment Committee). We therefore extended the nominations period. An email was sent to the membership on June 22, 2020. At that time, there were 29 nominees. We took a different strategy this year by telling the Membership the total number of nominees to date, the number of nominees for each position, and the number we needed for each position. The extended deadline did result in a small number (4) of additional nominations (see Table 1).

Decreasing number of nominees – While nomination numbers continue to be low this nomination cycle, the committee would like to note this call for nominations took place during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful to those who nominated themselves and to those who agreed to a nomination by another SSSP member during this trying time.

Table 1. Nomination numbers by year

Year	Number of Nominations
2020	33 (29*)
2019	41 (36*)
2018	34
2017	53

*Note: Number from initial nomination period.

Feedback on the Nominations form –The updated online nomination form continues to help the committee and provide useful information during the Committee's ranking process.

For this year, our one suggested edit to the form is to add a data field to collect the nominee's history of elected positions within the Society (e.g., Division Chair). While we find appointed/ad-hoc committee participation relevant, we often discuss in what capacity the nominee has served in SSSP elected positions. We will continue to work with the Administrative Office on the logistics of the form, and include language in the e-mail reminders about completing the required requested information.

ACTION ITEM – We move the SSSP Board of Directors please approve the following two individuals who will serve a two-year term as nomination committee members as well as the incoming Chair-of-Chairs, Elect, who will serve a one year term before becoming the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

1. Janelle Pham (2020-2022)
2. Meghan Rich (2020-2022)
3. Giovanna Follo, Chair of Chairs Elect (2020-2021)

The following members will continue to serve:

1. Kristen M. Budd, Chair (2020-2021)
2. David C. Lane (2019-2021)
3. Stephani Williams (2019-2021)