



To: SSSP Board of Directors and Executive Officer
From: David G. Embrick, Chair, 2025-2026 Elections Committee
Re: 2025-2026 Elections Committee Report
Date: July 27, 2026

1. 2026 Elections Committee: David G. Embrick (Chair), Rodney D. Coates (member), Gunercindo Antoneo Espinoza (member), Lily Ivanova (member), Karen Lancaster-Ellis (member)

2. The 2026 approved nominations list was as follows:

President-Elect/President (one position)
Vice-President-Elect/Vice-President (one position)
Secretary (one position)
Treasurer (one position)
Board of Directors (two positions)
Board of Directors: Student Representative (one position)
Anti-Harassment Committee (one position)
Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee (one position)
Committee on Committees (two positions)
Editorial and Publications Committee (two positions)
Membership and Outreach Committee (two positions)
Membership and Outreach Committee: Student Representative (one position)
Nominations Committee (two positions)

The list of nominations was ranked upon receipt.

3. The Process: Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager, Michele Koontz identified nominees who were listed for more than one position and sent those names along with the full list and description of the election committee process to me. All nominees were initially contacted with some version of the following email on September 10, 2025 (subject line “Time Sensitive – SSSP Nomination”):

Dear _____,

It is my pleasure as Chair of the SSSP Elections Committee to write to inform you that you have been nominated to run for the office of _____. You may wish to consult the SSSP By-Laws and Operations Manual to review the duties of this position:

<https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/29/locationSectionId/0/By-Laws>

https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/30/Operations_Manual/

The Elections Committee must fill the election slate by mid-October. Accordingly, I ask that you respond to this email by September 25, 2025, indicating your willingness to stand for election to this office.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Congratulations on your nomination! I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,
David

Members were able to vote in the 2026 General Election until 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Sunday, March 15. Two voter reminders went out to those who had not voted, on March 1 and March 13.

4. Participation in the Election Process: The total number of voters this year was 182 (participation rate of total membership: 17%).

5. Election Results: The results of the 2026 election were as follows:

President-Elect (2026-2027); President (2027-2028) Rodney D. Coates
Vice-President-Elect (2026-2027); Vice-President (2027-2028) Yuying Shen
Secretary (2026-2028) Tracy L. Vargas
Treasurer (2026-2029) Loren Henderson
Board of Directors (2026-2029) Marlese Durr and Ranita Ray
Board of Directors: Student Representative (2026-2028) Nicolas Juarez
Anti-Harassment Committee (2026-2029) Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer
Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee (2026-2029) Joshua H. Stout
Committee on Committees (2026-2029) Florence Emily Castillo and David C. Lane
Editorial and Publications Committee (2026-2029) Fatime Güneş and Sara Maani
Membership and Outreach Committee (2026-2029) Ashley C. Rondini and Gokhan Savas
Membership and Outreach Committee: Student Representative (2026-2029) Rafia Javaid Mallick
Nominations Committee (2026-2029) Erica FS Jablonski and Bhoomi Thakore

6. Proposed By-Laws Amendment. The results of the 2026 proposed amendments were as follows:

Proposed By-Laws Amendment: Article VI. Section 11 Approved
Proposed By-Laws Amendment: Article VIII. Section 1 Approved
Proposed By-Laws Amendment: Article VIII. Section 3 Approved

Proposed By-Laws Amendment: Article VIII. Section 6 Approved

7. Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager, sent personalized notification letters to all candidates. The results were posted on the SSSP website.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Embrick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David G. Embrick, Ph.D.
Chair, 2025-2026 Elections Committee