Voting Procedures for Officer, Director, and Regional Elections

Procedures for Regional Elections
Balloting for Regional Representatives, Conference Planning Coordinators and Nominating Committee members was conducted electronically from March 11 through March 24, 2020. Elections were announced to primary voting representatives by email and by mail. The candidate who received the most points as determined by the Borda voting method, as described in the Bylaws, was deemed elected for that position, and the results were announced via the March 31 NALPnow! and the winners will be introduced at the Regional Business Meetings. There were no run-off elections.

Procedures for Officer and Director Elections
While we are all disappointed that we won’t be able to gather in Montreal this year for our Annual Education Conference, the work of NALP continues at a full and ramped up pace. In order to continue the business of the Association, we will be hosting our Annual Business Meeting by live webinar as originally scheduled at 12:00 noon ET on Friday, May 1.

The first item of business of the Annual Business Meeting is the election of officers and directors. Since we will not be together in person, we will conduct those elections electronically by Survey Monkey simultaneously with the Annual Business Meeting. Ballots will be sent electronically to Primary (Voting) Members at each NALP member institution (including Additional Law Firm Offices) at 11:30 a.m. ET on Friday, May 1 and must be completed no later than 3:30 pm on Friday May 1. Voting members who do not receive a ballot at that time may contact the NALP office at info@nalp.org or 202.835.1001 during that time, and we will provide you with a PDF ballot that you may mark and return.

The slate of Officers and Directors as proposed by the Nominating Committee is available at https://www.nalp.org/2020_election_information.

Written notification of any voting proxy from a designated voting NALP member must be received by a member of the Nominating Committee and the Executive Director at least 10 days prior to the day upon which elections will take place. Such written proxy may be withdrawn upon written notice to a member of the Nominating Committee and the Executive Director no later than 24 hours prior to the time established for the commencement of the elections.

The deadline for suggesting names for the officer and director positions was December 4, 2019. In order to add any other name(s), members must submit a written petition, signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members, to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Persons nominated by petition must be of the same membership category (law school or legal employer) as the person(s) they are opposing (See Bylaw 9.4-9.5). All petitions must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the election and should be accompanied by a notation that the candidate consents to being added to the ballot, together with the candidate's biographical statement. The name(s) and biographical statement(s) of any person(s) added to the ballot in this way will be posted conspicuously on the NALP website at least four hours before the election. The Nominating Committee has slated the individuals whose biographical sketches are presented here https://www.nalp.org/uploads/2020BioSketches_NALPSlatedBoard.pdf. New Board members elected during the 2020 Annual Business Meeting will join the following current members who will be continuing their terms: Beth Moeller (elected President-Elect in 2019, will serve as 2020-2021 President); Vice-President for Finance, Carlos, Dávila-Caballero, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP; and Directors Eric Bono, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Gwendolyn Ferrell, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Jennifer Henfey, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law; Kara Sutherland, Dentons Canada LLP; and Timm Whitney, Covington & Burling LLP. Georgia Emery Gray, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP will serve ex officio on the 2020-2021 Board as Immediate Past President.