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SPECIAL BULLETIN:

It is officer election time again! In accordance with the chapter's brand new operating procedures (see footnote for specifics), this newsletter is to inform the membership of the actions of our Nominating Committee. Current board terms end June 30. Unfortunately, due to delays, the new board will not be ready to step in until September 1. It is the hope of the nominating committee that the current board would serve an interim term for two months while the process of disseminating the candidates (in this newsletter) and circulating/collecting ballots (which will happen in August) is completed.

The 2015-2016 Slate of Officers presented to the Board by the Nominating Committee is:

Dean: Cindy Pullin

Sub Dean: Alvez Barkoskie

Treasurer: Craig Sproat

Secretary: Nolan Reilly

Member-At-Large (two openings): Neil Whyte, James Richardson

Current Members at Large (with year term ends): Martha Goodner (2016), Cristiano Rizzotto (2016), Frederica Grant (2017).

Thank you to all our slate members for their willingness to serve!

Contact John Riester (jriester@ou.edu or 405-625-7540) if you have a name to petition to add per the operating procedures.

Regular, Special, Partner, Student, and Dual Members have one vote each.

Thank you for your consideration. Be on the lookout for your ballot via USPS mail around August

Sincerely,

John Riester

Cindy Pullin

James Richardson

The following excerpt from the SPAGO Operating Procedures of January 21, 2015 addresses the Election Procedures:

SECTION VI. ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) persons who are members of the Chapter in good standing. The only member of the Executive Committee to serve on the nominating committee shall be the secretary by virtue of that position. The Nominating Committee is appointed by vote of the Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Dean (see Section I.2.c). The Nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) or more candidates for each office and an excess of candidates for membership at-large on the Executive Committee in place of those whose terms of office are about to expire. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate to the Executive Committee. The slate of candidates shall be recorded in the minutes, published in the Chapter Newsletter and announced to the general membership according to the schedule required in the National Bylaws. Additional nominations may be made by petition if each petition is signed by three (3) members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Chapter Secretary within thirty (30) days of the announcement of the slate to the Chapter membership. The slate of candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee and the names of any candidate duly submitted by petition are not subject to discussion or approval by the Executive Committee and may not be vetoed by the Executive Committee or any member thereof, including the Dean.

2. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS and MEMBERS AT LARGE. The annual election of Chapter leaders, both Officers and members at-large of the Executive Committee, shall take place via U.S. Mail by April 1 of each year. The Secretary of the Chapter shall distribute and collect the ballots. Ballots shall be unsigned and shall be returned in an envelope with the member's signature across the envelope seal. The ballots are to be opened and counted only in the presence of at least two Chapter members in good standing including one member who is not currently serving on the Executive Committee. A plurality of votes cast shall be sufficient for election. Newly elected Chapter leaders shall be officially installed at the Fall general meeting of the Chapter. Terms of office begin on July 1.



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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!