

2004 MAC/MLA Nominating Committee Report

The 2004 MAC Nominating Committee was formed with the appointment of five members. As prescribed by the MAC Bylaws, one member from each of the four states and the District of Columbia were appointed. Serving on the 2004 Nominating Committee were: Ginny DuPont (DC), Barbara Koehler (Maryland), Daniel Oates (North Carolina), Brenda Seago (Virginia), and Ed Dzierzak (West Virginia).

The Committee conducted its business by phone, electronic mail, and one teleconference so no actual meetings were necessary. The Committee determined that four positions needed to be slated for the 2004 election ballot: Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and MAC Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee.

In July and August 2004, a list of potential candidates was developed and approved by the MAC/MLA Chair. Committee members prioritized the lists and volunteered to contact candidates for each of the four offices. Two candidates for each office agreed to run for election.

Two versions of the official ballot were prepared. One version was for MAC members who are not also members of MLA. This orange ballot listed the candidates for Chair-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary only. The MAC Bylaws state that only MAC members who are also MLA members have the right to vote for candidates running for MAC Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee. The white version of the ballot listed all four offices.

Lynn Eades, Membership Database coordinator, provided two separate mailing lists of current members: MAC members who are MLA members and a separate list of MAC members who are not MLA members. A total of 180 ballots were mailed.

The ballot packet was sent to MAC members on August 30, 2004 with a deadline for ballots to be postmarked by September 30, 2004. The packet consisted of a letter from the Nominating Committee Chair, the proper ballot, and brief biographical sketches of each candidate (See attachments to this report).

The Strategic Planning Task Force provided an amendment to the MAC Bylaws. This was included in the packet along with the ballots for offices.

Southern Regional AHEC will submit an invoice to the MAC Treasurer to cover the cost of one teleconference, printing and mailing of the ballots.

A follow-up message to the MACMLA-L electronic mailing list was sent to remind MAC members to vote and return ballots by the September 30, 2004 deadline.

One hundred twelve ballots were returned for a response rate of 62.2%. Nine ballots were declared invalid due to lack of name on envelope or late postmark.

The results of the 2004 election are:

Chair-Elect: Patricia Hammond

Treasurer: Claire Meissner

Secretary: Susan Arnold

MAC Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee: Janice Kelly

The committee wishes to express its appreciation to Jane Blumenthal, Dan Wilson, Deborah Thomas and Gretchen Arnold for agreeing to run on the 2004 ballot for MAC Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russet Hambrick, Chair
2004 MAC Nominating Committee