

**Report of the Nominations & Elections Committee**  
Meeting - Wednesday, August 31, 2016

1. Roll Call

- × Lisa Baker Brill, Chair (G)
- × Stuart Auchincloss (U)
- × Michele Ment (P)
- × Myrna Sameth (U)
- × Mark Wilson (C)
- Camilla W. von Bergen (ex-officio)
- × Tom Sloan (Staff Liaison)
- × Merribeth Advocate (Staff Liaison)

2. Ms. Brill called the meeting to order.

3. 2017 Officers/Executive Committee Members

A. Ms. Brill reviewed a proposed list of MHLS Board Officers/Executive Committee members for 2017.

B. **RECOMMENDATION**: The Nominations & Elections Committee recommends to the MHLS Board the following slate of MHLS Board Officers/Executive Committee members for 2017.

- President - Camilla von Bergen
- Vice President - Mark Wilson
- Secretary - Lisa Baker Brill
- Treasurer - Barry Ramage
- Board member liaison - John Dax

C. The MHLS Board will elect Board Officers/Executive Committee members at the Board meeting on December 10, 2016

4. Procedures for Election of Trustees

A. The Committee reviewed a suggested change to the [PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES](#) which clarifies counties nominate one person per county vacancy

B. **ACTION ITEM** – The Nominations & Elections Committee recommend the MHLS Board change the Procedures for Election of Trustees as follows:

Article II. NOMINATIONS

Section 2.01 The county library association of each county for which a trustee is to be elected shall meet for the purpose of selecting a candidate from their county to nominate at the Annual Membership Meeting. The chair of the county library association shall submit to the MHLS Executive Director **the name of the county library association's nominee one name for each county vacancy** no later than two months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

5. Other Business

A. Ms. Sameth recommended the Committee adopt revised nominating procedures for 2017. Possible new procedures might include: an open call for nominations including self-nominations; review by the Committee of potential candidates prior to any contact with the candidates; and the submission to the Committee of biographical information by candidates. Ms. Brill recommended the 2017 Committee meet earlier in the calendar year 2017 to establish a timeline that supported the nominating procedures the Committee wishes to undertake. Committee members Auchincloss, Ment, and Wilson agreed on both the need for new nominating procedures and a new timeline for Committee work in 2017.

6. Ms. Brill adjourned the meeting.

**NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

*Preferably three members with varying lengths of service. Presents, at the November meeting, a slate of officers for the following year's board of trustees. The slate is voted on at the December meeting. The Chair of this committee will also prepare and conduct the election of trustees at the annual meeting.*