

Nominations & Elections Committee

March 30, 2022

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Mark Wilson, Chair (C)
- ✓ Kenneth Goldberg (U)
- ✓ Priscilla Goldfarb (P)
- ✓ Debra Klein (G)
- ✓ Barry Ramage (D)
- ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison)

2. Review of the Committee Charge: The committee reviewed its charge and worked to include language following examples provided by other MHLS committees that respects the organization's core values of equity, diversity and inclusion. The committee will continue to work on this language and reconsider its charge this summer.

3. The Committee reviewed the current [Board Election Timeline and Process](#) and recommend no changes for 2022. The Chair's communication with library directors and board presidents will once again include the enclosure developed by the MHLS Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group: "[Achieving Diversity within the MHLS Board of Trustees](#)" Committee members will review the Trustee Information handout used for recruitment purposes and provide feedback to the executive director.

4. The Committee reviewed the timeline and procedures for board officer nominations and confirmed the following timeline and procedures for this year:

- i. Committee Chair reviews term limits of current officers and speaks to each eligible officer to gauge their interest in continuing on in their role
- ii. Committee Chair emails an open call for nominations including self-nominations for all Board Officer positions
- iii. Committee Chair reminds board members of the open call at the July meeting.
- iv. Nominations due to Committee Chair: July 21, 2021
- v. Late July/Early August: Meeting of the Nominations & Elections Committee to select and recommend Board Officers
- vi. August: Committee Chair confirms candidates selected by the Committee agree to serve if elected
- vii. September Board Meeting: Committee proposes 2022 slate of Board Officers to MHLS Board
 1. After the nominating committee has presented its report and before voting for the different offices takes place, the chair must call for further nominations from the floor...nominations from the floor are called for immediately after the presentation of the nominating committee's report – while the election is pending or earlier."
 2. The sample wording provided goes position by position:
 - a. "CHAIR: For President, Ms. A is nominated by the Nominating Committee. Are there any further nominations for President? [If a member nominates another person, the chair repeats the name of that nominee.] Mr. B is nominated. Are there any further nominations? [PAUSE] If not [PAUSE] nominations are closed."

- b. After the President formally closes nominations, it would take a majority vote of the board to reopen them.
- viii. December Board Meeting: MHLS Board elects 2022 Board Officers
- b. A process to manage a contested race for officer positions will be developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm