

***SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING 2020
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Nominations Committee

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The Nominations Committee was tasked with finding nominees for the following positions: President-elect, Secretary-elect, Editor-elect, and Executive Officer II

Because everything was shut down due to the pandemic all spring, the nominations process this year began in summer 2020. We received three nominations (two from members and one self-nomination) for Executive Officer II and were greatly aided by current President-elect Maureen Meyers, who did an excellent job recruiting candidates for President-elect (Kandi Hollenbach), Secretary-elect (Ramie Gougeon and Scott Hammerstedt), and Editor-elect (Lindsey Bloch) at the Jackson meeting in 2019. All candidates were contacted via email for candidate statements, and one of the nominated candidates did not provide a statement despite being contacted multiple times.

As was the case when I first served on the committee, the greatest challenge was finding someone to run for President-elect. This seems to be a problem every cycle, but this year, with the disruptions and stresses created by COVID, it was even more difficult to find a potential candidate who was willing to run for the office. After asking a number of candidates who declined, Nominations Committee chair Amanda Regnier decided to run for President-elect after discussions with President Levy and President-elect Meyers.

A new committee member, Erin Nelson, will be rotating on to the committee this year and Tad Britt will be chair for next SEAC.