

Report of the 2017 Nominating Committee

To: ARCUS Membership

From: Timo Koivurova, Chair, 2017 ARCUS Nominating Committee

Subject: Final Report of the Nominating Committee

The ARCUS Nominating Committee was charged by ARCUS President John Payne with identifying nominees for the membership to consider for the available vacancies to be elected to the ARCUS board of directors. The December 13, 2017 election will be for four seats on the board, for three-year terms commencing at the conclusion of the ARCUS Annual Meeting. I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee, who included Carolina Behe, John Farrell, Nagruk Harcharek, Liza Jenkins, and John Payne. ARCUS Executive Director Robert Rich was the staff liaison to the committee.

The committee recommends that a competitive election be held according to the procedures outlined on the next page. After much deliberation, the committee decided to recommend the following candidates to appear on the ballot:

- Igor Appel – TAG LLC
- Rasmus Bertelsen – UIT: The Arctic University of Norway
- Kaare Erickson – UIC Science
- James Hemsath - Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
- Diane Hirshberg – University of Alaska, Anchorage
- Liza Jenkins – Michigan Tech Research Institute
- Olivia Lee (Incumbent) – University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- Caryn Rea – ConocoPhillips, Retired
- Nikolay Shiklomanov – George Washington University
- Charlene Stern – University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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The committee also recommended confidential nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two members of the Executive Committee-At-Large. These elections, to be carried out by the Board, have yet to occur. Each officer will serve a two-year term.

ARCUS 2017 Board Election Procedures

Board members are elected by the organizational membership to three-year terms. There are currently four positions to be filled on the twelve-member board. The Nominating Committee encourages members to elect a diverse and effective set of board members who will advance the values, vision, and mission of ARCUS (see <https://www.arcus.org/arcus>). Current board members are listed at <https://www.arcus.org/arcus/board-of-directors> and the job description of board members appears at <https://www.arcus.org/arcus/member-description>. Here are the procedures which will govern the election, in addition to the ARCUS Bylaws (Article III) :

- The Nominating Committee has nominated ten candidates to appear on the ballot.
- The ballot contains short bios and photos for each of the candidates.
- The link to the ballot will be e-mailed to the member representative we have on record on November 27. Online voting will be open from November 27-December 11.
- In order to vote, members will need to indicate their name, institutional affiliation, and email, which will be checked by staff to ensure that only the votes of paid ARCUS organizational members are counted.
- Upon voting online in advance, the members will receive a confirmation email.
- The results of the online voting will be kept confidential until the on-site voting takes place at the annual meeting (December 13).
- At the meeting, members will check in and those who are member representatives or a proxy from the member organization in attendance will be given a paper ballot.
- Those participating online in the meeting (on Zoom) who are authorized to vote will be able to cast their votes by sending a private chat to an ARCUS staff person with their selections.
- If someone voted online in advance, they will not be able to change their vote at the meeting or vote again. Multiple votes from the same institution will not be accepted, with the first one being the only one recorded.
- All votes (online in advance, via Zoom chat, and via paper ballot) will be equally counted and validated. Only the aggregate winners (top 4) will be reported. In the event of a tie for fourth place, the result will be resolved by a coin toss. Vote totals will not be announced publicly.
- You need not be present to win. If winners are not at the meeting, they will be informed by email shortly thereafter.