IAIA 2002 NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

One-third of the twelve-member IAIA Board is replenished each year through election of a new President-Elect (later President and Past-President) and three new Directors, all of whom serve three-year terms on the Board. All IAIA members are urged to consider nominating IAIA members whom they think would make very good IAIA Board members. To assist with this, the nominations and election process is described below.

The IAIA 2002 nominations and elections process started at IAIA'01 in Cartagena with the appointment of the first Nominations Committee member. Under the current IAIA bylaws, the President and President-Elect are automatically members of the Nominations Committee. Two more appointments of IAIA members to the Nominations Committee will have been made by the Committee Chair, Shirley Conover, before the end of June 2001. Thus the Nominations Committee will consist of two current Board members and three IAIA members in good standing, plus the (non-voting) Committee Chair, who votes only when required to break a tie.

This year the Nominations Committee Chair again requested advice from the IAIA Board concerning Board representation priorities as identified by the current Board. Suggestions included:

- an IAIA member from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- an IAIA member involved in sustainable development assessment of World Trade and international Trade Agreements
- recognition that IAIA Health Impact Assessment membership has not yet been represented on the IAIA Board
- a number of geographic suggestions: representation from the United Kingdom and/or Ireland, United States, Australia/New Zealand, Eastern European countries, and recognition that South Asia and the Middle East are not yet represented on the IAIA Board
- both strategic planning and networking capabilities are also desired

Two other factors in regard to the new Board must be recognized:

- this year the Board must appoint two of its members with appropriate skills to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, preferably incoming members who will serve in these vital positions for three years
- the Nominations Committee must take care to ensure a good gender balance on the 2002 IAIA Board.

Throughout the nominations process, the IAIA bylaws direct the Nominations Committee to consider regional, racial, ethnic, gender, experience and professional expertise when contacting potential candidates about their willingness to stand for election to the IAIA Board for three-year terms. Likewise, these same considerations apply when considering which candidates will be finally nominated for each of the four positions to be filled in the 2002 IAIA election. A minimum of two candidates must be nominated for each of the four positions; it is the Committee's decision whether more than two candidates will be nominated for one or more of the positions to be filled.

While the Nominations Committee has responsibility for identifying potential candidates, all IAIA members in good standing (current year's dues paid) may suggest candidates to be considered by the Committee for formal nomination to any of the positions to be filled. Any individual member of IAIA in good standing may serve as a Director or Officer on the IAIA Board. Those elected to the Board are expected to attend all Board meetings (mid-term meeting and those associated with the annual IAIA Conference); communicate electronically with fellow Board members; and be able to obtain their own finance to cover their travel and accommodation costs for these meetings. Currently a small amount of funding is available to support board travel; application may be made for a $300-$500 travel stipend on basis of financial need.

It is very useful to know the make-up of the 2001 Board, and which four current members of the Board will complete their terms at IAIA'02 to be replaced by the four individuals elected in IAIA's 2002 election. Please refer to Page 1 of the Newsletter for the current list of Board members. Members retiring in 2002:

Past President
    Mary Lou Morris, Consultant, Australia
Directors
    Paula Caldwell, National Government, Canada
    Stephen Granger, Municipal Government, South Africa
    William Kennedy, European Bank for Reconstruction, UK

Both the IAIA Board and the Nominations Committee have one plea to **ALL** IAIA members: **PLEASE VOTE** in the 2002 election and all future IAIA elections! Democracy in a professional organization works best when its members actively take part in organization-wide decisions. Added to the nominee's bios this year are two questions to assist with comparisons of Nominees:

- Suggest a way that might improve IAIA's services to its members.
- Identify a country-level, regional-level, or global-level issue where IAIA should be more actively engaged.

Please submit your nominations for IAIA member candidates to stand for office in the 2002 IAIA election to Nominations Committee Chair Shirley Conover (aberecl@eagle.ca), committee members Elvis Au (elvis_au@hk.super.net), Peter Leonard (leonard.peter@hydro.qc.ca), Jean-Roger Mercier (jmercier@worldbank.org), Anne Miller (miller.anne@epa.gov), or Rita Hamm (rita@iaia.org).

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