Call for Nominations for SDB 2018 Elections

SDB members in good standing are invited to submit nominations for candidates for the following positions on the SDB Board of Directors (BOD): President-elect, Secretary, Representatives for Canada, Northwest and Southeast regions, and two new representatives to the Board—PUI Representative and Trainee Representative. The election will be held in May.

Description of Positions

President-elect – The President-elect will serve on the BOD for a 3-year term, will become President after the 2019 Annual Meeting, and Past-President for the year following the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Secretary – The Secretary serves a 3-year term and is responsible for recording and maintaining minutes and proceedings of the BOD meetings, serving on the Emergency-Resolution Subcommittee, and, with the assistance of the Executive Director, monitoring the alignment of the current Society practice with the Bylaws.

Regional Representatives – They serve a 3-year term on the BOD, and participate in discussions and deliberations of Society affairs, taking into consideration the constituency they represent. They also provide guidance and assistance to their respective regional meeting organizers and attend the regional meeting in their area.

Primarily Undergraduate Institution (PUI) Representative – [This is a new addition to the BOD with the goal of better understanding and serving the needs of this community.]
The PUI representative must hold a faculty position at a PUI institution and will serve a 3-year term.

Trainee Representative – [This is a new addition to our board to establish a direct line of communication from students and post docs to the BOD]
The trainee representative will serve a 2-year term, and (1) must be in his/her 2nd year (or beyond) of pre-doctoral or post-doctoral training, with at least 2 years of training remaining, (2) must have published at least one paper in the developmental biology field, and (3) must have at least one full year of SDB membership.

Nomination Process

Full, postdoc, and graduate student SDB members in good standing are eligible for positions on the SDB Board of Directors. Please see position descriptions for requirements.

Nominations will be accepted from:
- Two (2) or more SDB members in good standing (2018 dues paid) as nominators, with respective names and email addresses provided. Nominators for trainee representative must be full members.
- Self-nominations from SDB members in good standing.

Nominations must contain the following:
1) Affiliations and contact information of the candidate.
2) A statement that briefly describes the reasons for nominating this candidate for the particular position (300-word maximum).
3) An updated CV of the candidate.
4) Written agreement by the nominee that s/he is willing to serve if elected. The nominee must be a full member in good standing and be minimally at the assistant professor level (unless nomination is for trainee representative).
5) Trainee nominations must also include: a) a brief statement from the candidates on their interest and goals if elected to the BOD (<100 words), and b) a letter from the supervisor/mentor supporting the nomination (unless supervisor is a nominator).

Nominations should be emailed as one PDF attachment to: sdb@sdbonline.org with the subject title 2018 SDB nomination. Any other subject title may cause loss or delayed receipt of the nomination.

Deadline for receipt of nominations: April 9, 2018

All nominations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and at least two qualified candidates for each opening will be invited to be on the final slate for electronic vote in May, 2018.

All terms (except for Trainee) are three (3) years, starting immediately after the 2018 Annual Meeting and will end after the 2021 Annual Meeting. The President-elect will take office as President and Past-president in the second and third years.