Call for Nominations for SDB 2019 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, Jr. Faculty Representative, Representatives for Mid-Atlantic and West Coast regions, and one 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 2020 Annual Meeting, and Past-President for the year following the 2021 Annual Meeting. She will be responsible for organizing the SDB 2021 Annual Meeting, to be held in Vancouver, Canada. Candidates are full members.

Junior Faculty Representative – The Jr Faculty Representative is a full member in the rank of Assistant Professor and serves a 3-year term on the BOD. The Representative participates in BOD activities, taking into consideration the constituency they represent. A major task is to organize the Best Student (undergrad and grad) Poster Presentation at the SDB annual meetings.

Regional Representatives – They are full members who 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. West Coast (CA, HI) and Mid-Atlantic (NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV) are the regions open for election of new representatives.

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 their 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

Only SDB members in good standing (current year dues paid) 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 (2019 dues paid) as nominators, with respective names and email addresses. 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 they are 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 must be made online at: https://form.jotform.com/90375934601155.

Deadline for receipt of nominations: April 10, 2019

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 2019.

All terms (except for Trainee) are three (3) years, starting immediately after the 2019 Annual Meeting and will end after the 2022 Annual Meeting. The President-elect will take office as President and Past-president in the second and third years.

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