At the spring 2017 BoHS Board meeting in Alexandria VA, past BoHS chair Chris Ladisch was charged with the responsibility of forming a nominating committee to construct a ballot for election to fill vacating positions on the Board of Directors.

Per BoHS Rules of Operation, two BOHS directors who are not members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed to the Committee. Michael Newman and Jorge Atiles were subsequently appointed.

In the course of the committee’s work to assemble a slate of candidates for the ballot, the following points were considered:

- Three members must be elected to fill the places of outgoing Board members Buckwalter, Fox, Ladisch).
- One additional member must be elected to accommodate the resignation of Board member Cynthia Johnson of Georgia Southern University. Per the Rules of Operation, Cynthia’s departure also meant that the newly elected members must include representation from a non-land grant university.
- The Rules of Operation stipulate that the Board must contain at least one member from an 1890 university. Current member Valerie Giddings fulfills that role.
- 1862 institutions must also be represented; current members Achterberg, Buckwalter, Wilson, Sanders, Rankin, and Hawley fill that role.
- If there are any 1994 land grant institution (tribally controlled colleges) members in BoHS, then those institutions should also have a representative on the board. At this time, there are no 1994 members.
- Of the outgoing Board members, John Buckwalter has completed one elected term of office and therefore is eligible for re-election to serve another term. A term of office is 3 years. Both Fox and Ladisch have served two consecutive terms and are therefore ineligible for re-election.
- Board members must be from institutions which pay dues to BoHS. Thus, the proposed slate of nominees will be reviewed by Eddie Gouge for compliance with this requirement.
- Although terms of office do not begin until January 1, newly-elected board members will be invited/encouraged to attend the November Board meetings in order to meet the Board and to learn about future duties.
- Once the slate is assembled, Eddie Gouge will contact nominees to obtain brief bios. He will then construct the ballot and distribute to the voting-eligible membership.
The proposed ballot:
Michael Delp, Florida State University (for election as non-land grant member)
John Buckwalter, Kansas State University
Carolyn Dunn, North Carolina State University
Sonia Meyer, University of Idaho
Laura Stevenson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville