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Official Call for Nominations: 2015 AHG Governing Council Election

All AHG members are hereby notified that the Elections Committee is now accepting nominations for the Governing Council election to be held this August. Electronic ballots will be sent to all general and professional AHG members in August, with election results announced by *September 9, 2015*.

The AHG Governing Council

The Governing Council (also known as the Board of Directors) is comprised of ten elected representatives of the membership. The council's duty is to act on behalf of the membership to see that the mission of the organization, as stated in the by-laws, is carried out, and that the organization is financially sound.

The Governing Council is a working council: All council members are expected to serve on one or two committees and provide leadership for various projects. Members of the Governing Council serve two-year terms. Four officers are chosen amongst the Governing Council by the council and we encourage candidates who possess the skills to hold such leadership roles if called upon.

Council Openings

There are four open seats for professional members and one open seat for general members in the upcoming election. The upcoming term begins January 1, 2016 and ends December 31, 2018. Once elected, new AHG Council members will attend a council orientation at our Annual AHG Symposium in Colorado, on October 15th, 2015.

Individuals interested in running for a seat on the Governing Council are invited to contact David Harder at david.harder1@gmail.com. Any member in good standing may also nominate another member in good standing as a candidate.

Commitment to Diversity

The AHG is committed to diversifying the organization's membership to more broadly reflect the rich mosaic of herbalists and herbalism. Ultimately, it is you—our members—who nominate and elect the leadership, as it should be. With this goal in mind, the current Governing Council and AHG staff would like to strongly encourage members who are people of color, from marginalized or under-represented communities, or from alternative communities to consider running for Council this year.