Nominations Committee members Alison Alifano, Sharon Blackburn, Karl Gruben, Sandra Marz, Carol Avery Nicholson and Donna Williams started the process to identify a slate of candidates for the Association’s 2009 election in January 2008. This included creating a committee work plan, reviewing AALL Bylaws, and revising the committee’s Web site to include the 2009 committee work plan and timeline. Committee members were assigned SISs and Chapters from which to solicit possible nominees. These names were compiled into a single list with relevant leadership activity, drawn from the AALLNET Membership Directory, included. At this time, the committee initiated a change established in the work plan in that it first identified the potential candidates from the list and then contacted them to see if they were willing and able to run for office. In prior years, all potential candidates were contacted first to identify those who would be willing and able to serve. The committee members felt that contacting those who made the final cut would be less likely to raise false hopes with members not selected.

Selection of candidates and alternates was made during a series of teleconferences conducted in April and May. The chair contacted the selected individuals to confirm their ability to run for office. When the final slate was determined, each nominee confirmed his or her willingness to serve in an e-mail to the chair.

The chair submitted the 2009 slate to AALL President, Ann T. Fessenden, AALL Vice President/President-Elect James Duggan and AALL Executive Director, Kate Hagan, in late May.

The 2009 AALL slate is comprised of Joyce Janto and Nancy Johnson, Vice President/President-Elect candidates and Beth DiFelice, John Edwards, Marcus Hochstetler, and Janet McKinney, Executive Board member candidates.

Mary Kay Jung, Chair
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