



September, 2020

Dear AHS Member:

The Nominating Committee requests your input in shaping the future membership of the Board of Directors through actively participating in the nominating process. Member nominations serve as the foundation for the work of the Nominating Committee, influencing the future elected representation of the AHS. Your participation in the nominations process is a critical component in creating the diverse and inclusive membership we all seek for the AHS.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by the AHS membership to serve a three-year term. One-third of the twenty-one (21) directors are elected annually. Board members may serve two consecutive three (3) year terms. The Board of Directors in turn elects its officers; the President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Board from among its members. Officers are elected to serve a two (2) year term.

The six officers and three additional Directors, appointed to serve for one year by the Chairman of the Board in consultation with the President, constitute the Executive Committee. The EC meets monthly and acts on behalf of the Board in between meetings of the Board. The Board of Directors meets annually in June, October and February. In person meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the AHS national event.

Nominations are welcomed at any time. Annual voting takes place in March. The Nominating Committee pursues candidates for the annual elections whose names are ***placed into nomination by December 1*** in any given calendar year. Nominations may be made by completing the form on the reverse side of this letter, or online by logging into your Member Portal account at <https://harpsociety.member365.com>. Look for the “Nominations Open” badge to complete the online nominations process. Your nomination(s) will be considered with others received by the Nominating Committee as it selects candidates to be listed on the official ballot.

In order to prepare the annual ballot and hold elections early in 2021, we ask you to provide your nominations online or return your nomination(s) in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Paper nomination forms need to be postmarked by **November 30, 2020** in order to be considered for use in the 2021 nominating process. Mail paper nomination forms to the AHS office at PO Box 260, Bellingham, MA 02019-0260.

Thank you for participating in the nominations and election processes of the AHS. With your partnership we will make great strides for the harp, and for harpists, in the coming years!

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kela Walton, Chairman of the Board

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
<b>Term expiring June 2021</b> Lynne Aspnes Sarah Crocker Mary Ann Flinn Karen Lindquist ⊗ Ray Mooers ⊗ Elinor Niemisto ⊗ Jessica Siegel ⊗	<b>Term expiring June 2022</b> Jennifer Ellis Cindy Horstman Chilali Hugo Elaine Litster ⊗ Charles Lynch Angela Schwarzkopf Anne Sullivan	<b>Term expiring June 2023</b> Joan Holland Lillian Lau ⊗ Vincent Pierce Felice Pomeranz Susan Spiwak Kela Walton Brandee Younger ⊗

⊗ Indicates ineligible for re-election due to term limits



The Nominating Committee solicits your nominations for the Board of Directors.  
This is in accordance with Article VIII - Elections of the Bylaws of the Society.

**Members of the Board of Directors for the American Harp Society are elected by the membership for terms of three years each. Please read the summary of the Society's voting process in the accompanying letter before entering your nominations. For each nomination, also respond to the questions on the back of this form, using extra pages as needed.**

### **DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE**

The **Directors-at-Large** whose terms expire in June 2021 are:  
Lynne Aspnes, Karen Lindquist, Ray Mooers and Jessica Siegel

Lynne Aspnes is eligible for re-election.  
Karen Lindquist, Ray Mooers and Jessica Siegel are **not** eligible for re-election  
as they have served two consecutive terms on the Board of Directors.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE (Four)**

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### **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

The **Regional Directors** whose terms expire in June 2020 are:  
Sarah Crocker (Southern), Mary Ann Flinn (Southeastern),  
and Elinor Niemisto (Northcentral)

Sarah Crocker and Mary Ann Flinn are eligible for re-election.  
Elinor Niemisto is **not** eligible for re-election as she has served two consecutive terms on the Board of Directors.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

NOMINATION FOR Southern Regional Director

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NOMINATION FOR Southeastern Regional Director

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NOMINATION FOR Northcentral Regional Director

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Please return your nominations(s) to: AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY, INC. PO BOX 260, BELLINGHAM, MA 02019  
or nominate online at your Member Portal account at <https://harpociety.member365.com>.  
Names of the nominees will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee who will prepare the ballot.  
The election will be conducted online and by mail, by secret ballot, early in 2021.

INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES  
(Please submit additional pages for each nominee)

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional short biography of nominee (limit 100 words):

Why are you nominating this person? Please include service activities if known (limit 200 words):

What qualities and skills (e.g. activities, projects, non-musical skills such as accounting, marketing, etc.) which would support this person's service record? (limit 100 words)

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_