

2022 North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America Annual Committee Report

Committee Name: Nominations Committee

Committee Members:

Marlin Rice, Chair, marlinrice@gmail.com, end 2023 (note year, not 2024)

Alice Harris, Member, alice.harris@basf.com, end 2022

Ashley Leach, Member, ableach@purdue.edu, end 2024

Committee Objective(s):

From the [Operational Officer and Committee Guidelines](#): The Nominating Committee presents nominees for vacant positions on the Executive Committee and nominees for Director-Elect and a representative to the Certification Board. (See pages 18-20 for additional details).

Committee Activities:

Committee members contacted the following individuals regarding their willingness to be a candidate for NCB President-Elect:

- Laura Higgins, Corteva Agriscience (declined)
- Erin Hodgson, Iowa State University (declined)
- Keri Karstens, Corteva Agriscience (declined)
- Clinton Pilcher, Corteva Agriscience

Committee members contacted the following individuals regarding their willingness to be a candidate for NCB Secretary/Treasurer:

- Laura Campbell, Corteva Agriscience
- Anthony Hanson, University of Minnesota
- Robert Koch, University of Minnesota (declined)
- Amelia Lindsey, University of Minnesota
- Nick Tinsley, BASF
- Ana Velez, University of Nebraska (declined)

Nominees for Member-at-Large:

- Joanna Gress, Emporia State University
- Stuart Mitchell, PestWest

Nominee for Early Career Professional Committee Chair-Elect:

- Anh K. Tran, ISK Biosciences

Suggestions for Improvement:

The Committee suggests that NCB leadership explore new ideas to encourage members to serve. Finding candidates has always been a challenge for the Nominating Committee. There is no easy solution, but networking informally at mixers, professional meetings, and other face-to-face opportunities seems to yield the best results. The Executive Committee is encouraged to initiate conversations with potential candidates at the 2022 branch meeting that might be willing to be nominated, and then pass that information to the Nominating Committee for later follow up.

Election Results for 2022:

- President-Elect, Clinton D. Pilcher, Corteva Agriscience
- Secretary-Treasurer Elect, Laura Campbell, Corteva Agriscience
- Member-at-Large, Joanna Gress, Emporia State University
- Early Career Professional Committee Chair-Elect, Anh K. Tran, ISK Biosciences
- Student Affairs Committee Chair-Elect, Emily Althoff, University of Minnesota