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Candidates

SEAALL is proud to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2017 election:

Vice President/President Elect:

- Liz Johnson
- Kris Niedringhaus

Treasurer:

- Sally A. Irvin
- Amy O'Connor

Member-at-Large:

- Kat Klepfer
- Avery Le

Process

The 2017 election will again be hosted by AALL's online election system. We will elect a vice-president/president-elect, a treasurer, and a member-at-large.

Polls open on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, and you may submit your ballot anytime until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017. On the first day of the election, eligible voters will receive an email message from AALL containing information about the voting process. An "eligible voter" is any member whose dues are current. Election results will be announced to the SEAALL membership, via email. Please contact TJ Striepe, at tstriepe@uga.edu, if you have any problems with the online election system.

A big thanks to our colleagues on the nominations committee: Susan Catterall (Chair), Lisa Goodman, and Allison Fentress. Thanks, also, to SEAALL Treasurer Kate Irwin-Smiler for providing the membership directory. And a special thanks to all the candidates for their dedication and willingness to serve SEAALL.

Candidates for Vice President/President Elect



Liz Johnson

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In 2008, I became an AALL and SEAALL member, as well as a professional librarian. After a couple of whirlwind years volunteering with committees and sub-organizations within the national organization of AALL, I became burnt out and felt disenfranchised. After some encouragement from colleagues (and fellow SEAALL members), I turned my attention and interest back to SEAALL. It was after attending SEAALL conferences and events that I found my way back into the librarian profession and reconnected with friends and colleagues.

Where I never found a home at the national level, I found it easily with SEAALL. I have truly enjoyed my time being a SEAALL member, so much so that I now chair the membership committee, promoting SEAALL membership and facilitating opportunities for member appreciation. I would be honored to be the next Vice President/President Elect for SEAALL as the ultimate means of giving back to the organization. As Vice President/President Elect, I hope to be a spokesperson and strong advocate for any change, or changes, that the membership body wishes to pursue in SEAALL. Thank you for the nomination and the chance to serve.

More about Liz Johnson [here](#).



Kris Niedringhaus

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I am both humbled and excited to have been nominated to serve SEAALL. I am humbled because of the incredible talent and service ethic of the members of SEAALL and because I know of so many fantastic possible candidates. I am excited by the possibility of being able to engage more and serve with even more of the SEAALL membership.

If you are unfamiliar with some of my professional journey, I was an active SEAALL member about 15 years ago when I was the Associate Director at Georgia State. The possibility for professional advancement pulled me away but when I had the opportunity several years ago to return to GSU and SEAALL, I was elated to jump at the chance. I have belonged to other AALL chapters and the rumors are true, SEAALL is the most vibrant and active chapter and has the best professional development and networking opportunities. I learn something new every time I read the newsletter or attend a meeting. (Plus, SEAALL Sucker y'all . . .) It is important that we continue to support our programming and information sharing while exploring additional avenues for member engagement and professional development. SEAALL members are a professionally diverse and active group and we can leverage that power to create opportunities for our members. I would love the opportunity to serve the SEAALL members in this way.

More about Kris Niedringhaus [here](#).

Candidates for Treasurer



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I'm honored to be nominated as SEAALL Treasurer. It was my honor to serve as SEAALL Executive Board Secretary from 2010 – 2012. I've also served as a member of the Community Services Committee 2007 – 2009 and as its chair 2009 - 2010, as Chair of the SEAALL Institute in 2009, as a member of the Scholarship Committee 2009 – 2011 and as a member of the Program Planning Committee 2008 - 2009. I look forward to serving on the Board again if elected as Treasurer.

Currently I serve as Public Member and Secretary/Treasurer for the American Board of Nursing Specialty Certification (the national accrediting body for nursing certification). This experience has taught me a lot about the job of being treasurer for a professional organization. I've been involved in volunteer service since I graduated from college because I believe that if you're going to be part of an organization then you need to be willing to serve that organization. I've met wonderful fellow librarians through SEAALL and I can tell you from experience that participating as a member of SEAALL provides networking and educational opportunities that have made a wonderfully positive difference in my job. Serving on the Board from 2010 to 2012 was the icing on the professional cake and I count several of my fellow board members from that time as lifelong friends in our profession.

I'd very much like to contribute to the future of this organization and our profession by serving as SEAALL Treasurer. Thank you for your consideration.

More about Sally A. Irvin [here](#).



Amy O'Connor

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I have always viewed my SEAALL membership as one that provides opportunities, education and guidance for law librarians like myself who are wanting to connect more with one another. SEAALL members are a group of close-knit, supportive neighbors - and I want to give something back for all that you have done for me and our profession. The Treasurer position is the perfect opportunity. I have valued and turned to the SEAALL Chapter when needing an opportunity to apply for a grant, or seeking updates on the kinds of new services or ideas other law libraries are providing. Plus, there is always the chance to attend a great conference session hosted by SEAALL.

I have found more value in serving smaller groups and organizations, such as in my 6 years of service as Secretary and the Virginia Representative of PTPL, but the chance to serve as Treasurer of SEAALL would be a big step up for me. I know I would have to meet the expectations of those who have worked hard in this position in the past and the expectations of those who want to work with a motivated, organized librarian. But I know I can meet those expectations because I have the qualities and experience to take on this position. Plus, I would also be collaborating with fellow librarians who are inspiring and inspired to keep this diverse and creative group of members moving forward! So many thanks for affording me the opportunity to run for Treasurer and for the chance to give a little something back for all of the years of progressive work that has been accomplished by SEAALL.

More about Amy O'Connor [here](#).

Candidates for Member-at-Large



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I've always worn my SEAALLsucker with pride and I'd like to make certain all our members can do the same. I joined SEAALL as a student and was overwhelmed by the support and advice I received at my first conference; I haven't missed one since. As Member-at-Large I would continue the tradition of SEAALL being the kind of organization that invites brand new librarians to speak and ask questions while connecting them to the advice of our more experienced members. I also look forward to the opportunity to organize the SEAALL business meeting at AALL; it gives us a time to get updated on SEAALL's progress, network and put faces to names, and to demonstrate our commitment and camaraderie to AALL as a whole. Facilitating a discussion between the keepers of knowledge in the South during this current political climate will be critical and SEAALL's members will play a large role. I'd love the opportunity to help bolster and support this discussion. Thank you for the nomination and the opportunity to serve.

More about Kat Klepfer [here](#).



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SEAALL gives me a sense of belonging like no other professional organization ever has -- the members not only embrace, but encourage, me to be my cheeseball self in a world full of cookies. When all of my jokes (embedded into useful information, of course) during my first student presentation at the Annual Meeting in 2013 were well-received, my nerves quickly subsided and I knew that these were my people. SEAALL's openness to unfettered creativity and independent-thinking has given me and many others the confidence to flourish in our careers unapologetically. I want to continue to preserve that welcoming SEAALL essence for all new and current members and I believe that being your Member-at-Large will provide me the best opportunity to do so. This will allow me to give back to SEAALL a fraction of what it has given to me thus far, ensuring a place where all types of SEAALL selves (cheeseballs, cookies, or whatever snack you are) can connect. Thank you for considering me.

More about Avery Le [here](#).



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