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Candidates

SEAALL is proud to announce the following slate of candidates for the 2019 election:

Vice President/President Elect: Three-Year Term (2019 - 2022):

- Shamika Dalton, University of Florida (Florida)

Member-at-Large: Two-Year Term (2019-2021):

- Leslie Street, Mercer University (Georgia)
- Jane Bahnson, Duke University (North Carolina)

Process

The 2019 election will again be hosted by AALL's online election system. We will elect a vice-president/president-elect and a member-at-large.

Polls open on Friday, March 29, 2019, and you may submit your ballot anytime until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, April 15, 2019. 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 Kat Klepfer, at kklepfer@law.fsu.edu, if you have any problems with the online election system.

A big thanks to our colleagues on the nominations committee: Mark Engsberg (chair), Laura Scott, Linda Sobey, Jason Tubinis, Nichelle Perry, and Jason Sowards. Thanks, also, to SEAALL Treasurer Cas Laskowski for providing the membership directory. And a special thanks to all the candidates for their dedication and willingness to serve SEAALL.

Candidate for Vice President/President Elect



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Greetings SEAALL Members,

Shortly after graduating from North Carolina Central University School of Law, I left North Carolina to start my professional journey as a law librarian at the University of Florida. I have been a member of SEAALL since 2012. I have served as a member of the 2013 program committee and the community service committee (2016). In 2017, I collaborated with the executive board to create SEAALL's diversity and inclusion committee, and I have served as inaugural chair for the past two years. Every year, I look forward to attending the annual meeting, where I always meet new colleagues, catch up with old friends, and learn new skills that help to make me a better librarian.

As one of the leading regional chapters in AALL, I strongly believe that we have an opportunity to cultivate the leadership of the future and ensure that we create a professional culture that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. During my term on the executive board, my goals are to (1) support Louis Rosen in his term as president; (2) propose a mentoring initiative to support the professional development of newer librarians; and (3) ensure that our policies, bylaws, and procedures are fair and equitable to all.

I look forward to working with all of you and serving as your vice president /president elect.

More about Shamika Dalton [here](#).

Candidates for Member-at-Large



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I am so honored to be running for the position of member-at-large for SEAALL, since I have valued my SEAALL membership since I entered the law librarianship profession. The entirety of my law librarianship career has been spent in the Southeast, the region where I was privileged to be born and raised. I have learned from so many other librarians in SEAALL, and my career has been enhanced and enriched through my membership. It is a thrilling time to be doing the work of law librarians, as we see legal information change. The electronic and digital revolutions bring promise and opportunities to expand access to the law and legal information. However, those changes also bring perils. Libraries must work together to confront challenges posed by electronic information, like dealing with a world of paying for access instead of ownership and ensuring perpetual access to information through preservation. Unfortunately, states in the Southeast lag behind the rest of the country with adoption of UELMA, and SEAALL members can work together to inform the legal community, the public, and most importantly, legislators, about its need. SEAALL libraries can work together to explain to one another the changes their libraries are seeing in real time so both academic and practitioner libraries understand the shifting needs of users as well as how technology enhances or inhibits the fulfillment of those needs. I am enthusiastic about the future of law libraries as our expertise is needed now more than ever. We must ensure our professional organizations are built around our continued development as a profession so we can best serve our varied institutions and employers. I will work hard to ensure that the activities of SEAALL remain relevant and practical for its members.

More about Leslie Street [here](#).



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Thank you for considering me as a candidate for SEAALL member-at-large. I have been a SEAALL member for almost a decade and I have served on several SEAALL committees, including the program committee, and my current spot on the government relations committee. In AALL, I also served on the legal research and sourcebook committee, the RIPS program committee and the ALL-SIS research scholarship committee. I've presented at SEAALL, CALI, and AALL meetings, but SEAALL remains my favorite. Serving on SEAALL's board of directors would be a tremendous honor.

My professional experience has taken me down many paths – faculty liaison, empirical research coordinator, student research assistant coordinator, study co-designer, co-author, grant co-awardee, teacher, course co-developer, and now, head of research and instruction. Notice how often “co” appears in this list. These experiences were only successful with my colleagues' help, and from instruction and materials shared through organizations including SEAALL. I understand well what is expected of, and accomplished by, law librarians. SEAALL facilitates our collaboration and our professional growth. I hope to have the opportunity to join SEAALL's leadership team and use my experience to help shape programs that will instruct, support, and empower SEAALL's membership.

More about Jane Bahnson [here](#).

Proposed SEAALL Bylaws Amendment

Below is a proposed change to the SEAALL bylaws that will be included on the March 29 election ballot.

Proposed Bylaws Change

Goal: To amend Article VII Nominations and Elections, Section 1., Subsection A., Nominating Committee to require a member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to be part of the Nominating Committee.

Below is a red-line version of how this section of the Bylaws would change if enacted:

Article VII Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations

A. Nominating Committee

The Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee who shall submit the names of the candidate or candidates for each of the following offices by December 1 of the fiscal year in which the election is to be held: Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer. **The composition of the Nominating Committee is at the discretion of the SEAALL President, but the committee must include at least one member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.**

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