Committee On Committees

The Committee on Committees is composed of representatives from each of the 12 Society Sections and 2 Councillors. The section representatives are elected by the steering committee of the section.

The primary duty of the Committee on Committees is to nominate individuals to fill vacancies on the other APS standing committees. This year the committee recommended individuals to fill the following vacancies:

- Animal Care Committee 3
- Awards Committee 3
- Career Opportunities in Physiology 2
- Communications 2
- Ray G. Daggs Award Committee 1
- Education Committee 6
- Finance Committee 1
- International Physiology Committee 3
- Long Range Planning Committee 3
- Membership Committee 4
- Perkins Memorial Fellowship 0
- Porter Physiology Development 2
- Public Affairs Committee 2
- Publications Committee 1
- Senior Physiologists Committee 2
- Women in Physiology Committee 4

The committee also recommended individuals to fill vacancies on the FASEB Research Conference Advisory Committee, AAAS, and US National Committee on Biomechanics.

The APS members nominated to fill vacancies had the following sectional affiliation:

- Cardiovascular Section 11
- Cell & Molecular Physiology Section 9
- Central Nervous System Section 2
- Comparative Physiology Section 1
- Endocrinology & Metabolism Section 5
- Environmental & Exercise Physiology Section 4
- Gastrointestinal Section 7
- Neural Control & Autonomic Regulation Section 1
- Renal Section 6
- Respiration Section 2
- Teaching of Physiology Section 1
- Water & Electrolyte Homeostasis Section 2

There were 17 members less than 45 years of age nominated for committee vacancies and 22 women nominated.
The process by which the Committee on Committees identifies appropriate nominees for these committees begins in the fall with solicitation of nominees from each APS section, chairs of Departments of Physiology, current committee chairs, APS council, and the general membership. These nominations are due at the APS office in January. During February and March the members of the Committee on Committees prepare initial slates of candidates. Selection is based on an individual’s qualification for a specific committee. Section affiliation, gender, and minority or junior investigator status are given serious consideration in order to broaden membership representation on each committee. The committee meets at the Experimental Biology meeting to finalize recommendations that are presented for approval by the APS Council at their summer meeting. Approved nominees begin their term of appointment in January.

The Committee on Committees briefly discussed the nomination process and procedures at its annual meeting held at EB 2002. The Committee agreed that the nomination process needed to be reviewed and updated. Council approved a one-day meeting of the Committee on Committees for this purpose. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2002. A list of recommended changes to the nomination process will be submitted to Council for review and approval at the fall Council meeting.

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