



As our organization now has an official membership, we will soon be holding our first official elections to the Governing Council of the North American Network in Aging Studies. Nominations for candidates are now open!

The NANAS Governing Council is an eleven-person body tasked with the organization's basic operations and determining the course of NANAS's future, including the planning and support of future conferences. It is an exciting opportunity to help shape our relatively new organization. Nine of these eleven individuals will be selected through the upcoming elections; the other two will be appointed, one by the institution hosting the next NANAS conference (Trent University, in this case), and one by our sister organization, the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS). Once the newly formed Governing Council is in place, Council members will elect a Chair or Co-Chairs, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer from within the Council. Each Governing Council member will focus on leading a particular aspect of the organization, such as building membership, public relations, student involvement, etc. For more information, please see the bylaws on the NANAS website: <http://agingstudies.org/NANAS/>

Nominations for candidates can be submitted at <https://hiram.wufoo.com/forms/nanas-nomination-form/>. You are welcome to nominate yourself or someone else. Nominations will remain open until October 20, 2017. We will then confirm the nominations and prepare the ballot, with the actual election taking place between November 15 and December 15, 2017.

In order to run for a position on the Governing Council, or to vote in the election, you will need to be a NANAS Charter Member. If you have not yet officially joined, please see the message below for more information about the very reasonable membership rates and the many benefits that accompany NANAS membership (including continued participation in this listserv, which will shift to a new members-only format, with greater functionality, in early 2018).

These are formative times for NANAS and the field of Age Studies more broadly. Please consider a leadership role in charting the course of NANAS's future!

If you have any questions, please direct them to one of the current NANAS officers:

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