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Dear University of Maryland Eastern Shore National Alumni Association Members,

We are excited to announce the official **Call for Nominations** for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore National Alumni Association (UMES NAA) leadership positions for the upcoming **2026-2028 biennium!**

This is an exceptional opportunity for dedicated and passionate alumni to contribute their talents and vision to shape the future of our esteemed association. Your leadership plays a crucial role in strengthening our alumni network, supporting the university, and fostering a vibrant community for all Hawks.

Positions Open for Nomination

We encourage you to consider nominating yourself or another deserving alumnus for a leadership role. The specific positions open for nomination for the 2026-2028 biennium will include:

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Third Vice President
- Fourth Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Chaplain
- Historian
- Sergeant-at-Arms

Nomination Process and Deadline

To ensure a fair and thorough process, all nominations must be submitted in the following ways:

- Electronic: Submitted via the UMES NAA 2025 Call for Nominations Google Form no later than **October 15, 2025**: <https://bit.ly/2025UMESNAANOMINATIONS>. Or emailed to nominations@umesnaa.org.
- USPS: To UMES NAA Nominating Committee, % Greater Annapolis Alumni Chapter, P.O. Box 391, Severna Park, MD 21146. Must be postmarked by **October 15, 2025**. A downloadable copy of the 2025 UMES NAA Call for Nominations Google Form can be found on the UMES NAA website.

Detailed information regarding the nomination process, eligibility criteria, and a list of specific positions can be found in the enclosed UMES NAA Bylaws (Feb 2025). Additionally, the Nomination Process Rules and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) documents are provided. Please review these guidelines carefully before submitting your nominations.

We urge you to take this opportunity to identify individuals who possess strong leadership qualities, a commitment to UMES, and a desire to serve our alumni community. Your active participation in this process is vital to ensuring strong leadership for the years to come. Thank you for your continued dedication to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and the UMES National Alumni Association. Soaring Together!

With Hawk Pride,

Brooke G. Holmes (Class of '04), Chair, 2025 Nominating Committee

Joni Briscoe (Class of '85), Member

Stacy Gray (Class of '90), Member

Shenika Sledge (Class of '11), Member

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UMES NAA 2025 Nomination Process

Thank you for your interest in nominating a member for a position on the University of Maryland Eastern Shore National Alumni Association (UMES NAA) Executive Board. The following information will help you understand the nomination process. References to the 2025 Bylaws are included below as it relates to the Nomination Process.

Requirements for Eligibility for Nomination

- Any member classification, with the exception of Associate Member and Honorary Member, may be nominated.
- The Nominating Committee will ascertain the eligibility of all nominated candidates.
 - Article II.2.1 states, "Any individual who has been awarded a degree, diploma, or certificate by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore ('UMES') or any of its predecessor institutions may become a Regular Member by paying the appropriate annual membership fees. Such members will be accorded full voting rights, the right to hold office, and have the right to chair committees."
- ***Specific requirements for the position of President (Article III.4):***
 - A candidate must have served at least one uninterrupted term on the executive board of a local alumni chapter to be eligible to run for President.
 - A candidate for President cannot be an employee of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

How to Nominate a Candidate

- Nominations will be accepted until October 15, 2025. They may be mailed (UMES NAA Nominating Committee, % Greater Annapolis Alumni Chapter, P.O. Box 391, Severna Park, MD 21146) via the United States Postal Service (postmarked by October 15, 2025), emailed to nominations@umesnaa.org, or submitted electronically via the 2025 Call for Nominations Google Form.
- Nominations may also be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting. For a floor nomination to be valid, the Nominating Committee must be able to confirm the individual's eligibility and desire to hold office before the meeting concludes. See the specifics below.

After a Candidate is Nominated

- The Nominating Committee will confirm the eligibility and desire of each candidate to hold office by October 31st.

- **The official slate of candidates will be presented at the Annual Meeting, November 7, 2025, 5:30pm-7:30pm.**
- If time permits, each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a brief presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- Confirmed candidates are permitted to promote their selection between the date of the Annual Meeting and March 1st.

Nominations from the Floor

In accordance with Article VI.6.2.5, nominations may be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee will confirm eligibility and intent to serve before the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. If verification cannot be completed in time, the nomination will not be accepted. Upon verification, the nominee will be added to the Official Slate of Candidates and will be eligible to participate in campaigning and voting as outlined in the election timeline.

To ensure transparency and timely processing for nominations from the floor, the following must be confirmed and/or shared:

- The nominee or nominator must provide information about the nominee to include, at minimum:
 - Full name, phone number, and email address
 - Current chapter affiliation(s)
 - Proof that the nominee is not a current employee of UMES (if nominated for President)
 - The nominee must have served at least one uninterrupted term at the executive board level of a local alumni chapter to be eligible to run for President (if nominated for President)
- The nominee must provide confirmation that they are willing to serve in the nominated role. Confirmation can be submitted via email to nominations@umesnaa.org, written, or verbally.



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NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UMES NAA ELECTION TIMELINE

2025-2026

Please visit our website to review the full election process in Article III.4 & Article VI.

www.umesnaa.org

ELECTIONS

AUGUST
1,
2025

NOMINATING & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The UMES NAA President will appoint no more than five UMES NAA financial members to both the Nominating Committee and the Elections Committee by August 1, 2025. The UMES NAA President will provide the names to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will send the names to the Board.

AUGUST
15,
2025

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

The Nominating Committee will send out notification to all UMES NAA paid members requesting the names of potential candidates for each office by August 15, 2025.

OCTOBER
15,
2025

NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

The Nominating Committee will receive nominations of UMES NAA financial members until October 15, 2025.

OCTOBER
31,
2025

ELIGIBILITY

The Nominating Committee will ascertain the eligibility and desire of each candidate to hold office no later than October 31, 2025, at which time, the Nominating Committee will forward such slate to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will submit the names to the board no later than October 31, 2025.

NOVEMBER
7,
2025

*ANNUAL MEETING

The Official Slate of Candidates for election will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor subject to verification of eligibility. Each candidate will be able to make a presentation to the membership at the annual meeting.

NOVEMBER
7,
2025
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MARCH
1,
2026

CAMPAIGNING BEGINS

The Official Slate of Candidates for election may promote their selection from between the date of the Annual Meeting through March 1, 2026. This includes nominated and confirmed write-in candidates.

MARCH
1,
2026

**ELECTION DAY

Paper ballots will be mailed, per written request, no later than January 30, 2026 and must be returned and postmarked no later than March 1, 2026 to be counted in the election. Electronic ballots must be received by March 1, 2026 at 11:59PM EST.

*UMES NAA members intending to vote in the election must be financial by the close of the Annual Meeting.

**The Elections Committee will provide the results of the election in writing to the candidates immediately and to the Board and membership no later than March 11, 2026. Installation of officers will occur at the Board Meeting on April 18, 2026.



FAQs for the UMES NAA Nomination Process

1. Who can nominate a candidate for the UMES NAA Board of Directors?

Any financial member of the UMES NAA can nominate a candidate.

2. What is the deadline to submit a nomination?

Nominations sent via email must be received by the Nominating Committee by October 15th. Nominations sent via mail must be postmarked by October 15th.

3. Who is eligible to be nominated for a board position?

The Nominating Committee will ascertain the eligibility of each candidate. For the position of President, a candidate must have served at least one uninterrupted term on the executive board of a local alumni chapter and cannot be an employee of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (2025 Bylaws, Articles III.4 and III.5).

4. Can I nominate myself?

The Bylaws do not explicitly prohibit self-nomination. The process involves submitting names of potential candidates, and the Nominating Committee then ascertains their eligibility and desire to hold office.

5. What is the role of the Nominating Committee?

The Nominating Committee is responsible for managing the nomination process. This includes requesting names of potential candidates from the membership, receiving nominations, confirming the eligibility and desire of candidates to run, and creating the "Official Slate of Candidates".

6. What happens after a candidate is nominated?

After a nomination is received, the Nominating Committee will confirm the nominee's eligibility and desire to hold office. The Official Slate of Candidates is then presented at the Annual Meeting, where candidates have the opportunity to make a presentation to the membership.

7. What are the eligibility requirements to be included on the slate of nominees?

- a. Nominees must have been awarded a degree, diploma, or certificate by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore ("UMES") or any of its predecessor institutions.
- b. Nominees must confirm consent to be nominated.

8. What is the term of an elected position?

Members of the Executive Board will serve a term of two (2) years and may be eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term in the same position (Article III.6).

9. Can nominations be made at the Annual Meeting?

Yes, nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided the Nominating Committee can verify the nominee's eligibility and desire to serve before the meeting concludes. (Article VI.6.2.5)

10. What is the difference between the Nominating Committee and the Elections Committee?

The Nominating Committee's role ceases at the end of the Annual Meeting. The Elections Committee then takes over to supervise the actual election process, including preparing ballots, sending ballots to members, tallying/announcing the results, and managing campaign activity.

11. When do I get to vote?

The Elections Committee prepares the ballot and emails/mails it no later than 30 days before the election date of March 1st. To be eligible to vote, you must be a financial member by the close of the Annual Meeting.

12. What is allowed for nominee campaigning?

The Nominating Committee is not responsible for promoting candidates or managing campaign activity. This is a function of the Elections Committee.

13. Questions?

If you have questions, send an email to nominations@umesnaa.org.



UMES National Alumni Association Executive Board Nomination Form

Instructions: Please use this form to nominate a deserving UMES National Alumni Association (NAA) member for a position on the Board of Directors. All nominations must be submitted by or postmarked by October 15th. You can mail the form to: UMES NAA Nominating Committee, c/o Greater Annapolis Alumni Chapter, P.O. Box 391, Severna Park, MD 21146 or email it to nominations@umesnaa.org.

Complete Your Information (Nominator):

Full Name:

Email:

Phone:

Did you confirm consent from the Nominee that he/she is willing to serve? (Choose Yes or No)

Identify the position(s) you are submitting for nomination (check all that apply):

- ☐ President
- ☐ First Vice President
- ☐ Second Vice President
- ☐ Third Vice President
- ☐ Fourth Vice President
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Recording Secretary
- ☐ Corresponding Secretary
- ☐ Financial Secretary
- ☐ Chaplain
- ☐ Historian
- ☐ Sergeant-at-Arms

The Nominating Committee will confirm eligibility and intent to serve. Upon verification, the nominee will be added to the Official Slate of Candidates and will be eligible to participate in campaigning and voting as outlined in the election timeline. All matters relating to elections will be facilitated by the Elections Committee.

Complete the following information for each position being nominated. Include additional sheets as needed to complete the nomination information below.

Complete the Nominee Information:

Nominee's Full Name:

Nominee's Email:

Nominee's Phone:

Position:

Is the nominee financial at the local or national level? (Choose Yes or No)

IT IS REQUIRED THAT BOARD MEMBERS ARE FINANCIAL AT BOTH LEVELS ONCE ELECTED TO SERVE, NOT FOR NOMINATION.

If the nominee is financial, what is the nominee's chapter affiliation?

If the nominee is financial, what is the classification of membership? (Check one of the boxes below.)

- ☐ Regular
- ☐ Lifetime
- ☐ Member-at-Large
- ☐ Unknown

(For President Only) Did the nominee serve at least one uninterrupted term at the executive board level of a local alumni chapter? (Choose Yes or No)

This service is not limited to the current membership year.

(For President Only) Is the nominee employed by UMES? (Choose Yes or No)

Does the nominee hold a UMES degree/diploma/certificate? (Choose Yes or No)

Reason for Nomination:

Please provide a brief statement (100-200 words) explaining why you believe this individual would be a good fit for the position nominated, highlighting their relevant experience and qualifications.