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Nominations for AATG Executive Council

The AATG is currently seeking nominations for the 2017 election to fill three positions on the Executive Council.

- A **pre-collegiate (K-12) person** from any region to serve as **Vice-President in 2018–2019**, then as **President in 2020–2021**.
- A **pre-collegiate (K-12) Representative** from the **Midwest Region**. Chapters in the Midwest region: Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The term of office for this position is **2018–2020**.
- A **post-secondary (college/university) Representative** from the **Northeast Region**. Chapters in the Northeast region: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Northern New England (Vermont and New Hampshire), Central New York, Hudson Valley, Long Island, Metropolitan New York, Rochester, Western New York, Rhode Island. The term of office for this position is **2018–2020**.

The AATG Executive Council is an elected, policy-making body. The efficient and effective working of the Executive Council depends on the active participation and collaboration of all Council members. All candidates for office must be current members of the Association and for at least the two years prior to their nomination. Service on the Executive Council is unpaid volunteer work. Executive Council members make a commitment to spend considerable time and energy to serve the profession. No current member of the Executive Council is eligible for nomination.

Members of the Executive Council:

- Act as ambassadors and advocates for the AATG to both the association's members and to external constituents
- Attend in-person and online meetings of the Executive Council in their entirety including the meeting held in conjunction with the ACTFL Convention immediately following their election
- Serve on one or more standing and/or ad hoc committees as appointed by the President
- Attend committee meetings as required
- Assume special duties as assigned by the President
- Attend to association business in prompt and timely fashion
- Familiarize themselves with the *AATG Constitution and By-Laws* and association policies
- Review agenda materials thoroughly prior to meetings
- Discuss meeting agenda items as necessary with key leaders in their region prior to meetings
- Participate fully in discussions during meetings
- Respect the views held by other Executive Council members
- Provide a written or oral report of meetings when appointed to represent the AATG
- Keep abreast of emerging professional issues and bring such issues to the attention of the President and Executive Director

In addition to serving as a member of the Executive Council, the Vice-President:

- Serves a two-year term, followed by a two-year term as President
- Serves as an officer of the association
- Represents the President upon any occasion at the President's request

- Serves as Acting President in the event that the President is unable for any reason to fulfill the duties of the office or to continue in office

The President:

- Serves as an officer of the association
- Is responsible for the general conduct of the Association. At the President's discretion, the Executive Director may be instructed to carry out any of the President's administrative duties.
- Presides at all meetings of the Association, the Executive Council, and the Steering Committee
- Appoints committees and their members to fulfill the aims and carry out the programs of the Association

In addition to serving as a member of the Executive Council, Regional Representatives support the chapters in their region by:

- Promoting membership in the AATG
- Relaying information about available German teaching positions
- Attending local chapter events when possible
- Being a resource person for local chapters
- Working together with chapter presidents to send out regional updates/newsletters
- Having an updated list of members
- Encouraging and supporting inactive chapters to renew their chapters
- Having knowledge and resources for supporting schools who are in danger of losing their programs
- Acknowledging the positives in their region (individual members, programs, students, etc.)
- Being in contact with local colleges and promoting AATG to teacher candidates
- Working with chapters to showcase AATG membership benefits
- Being aware of all the AATG website has to offer

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2017. Nominations should be sent by e-mail to the Nominating Committee Chair, Sandra Dieckman sdieckman@hotmail.com. The nomination form is available on the AATG website.