

ASAP Board of Directors Elections

Deadline is Monday, December 4, 2017, 2:00 pm EST

ASAP Nominating Committee Chair Scott Hodes, and committee members Cindy Allard, Amy McNulty, Kathy Ray and Anne Weismann are pleased to submit the slate of candidates for the 2018-19 officer and director positions on the board. The positions up for election are vice-president, treasurer and three directors-at-large. All terms are two years.

Continuing to serve on the 2018 Board of Directors in completion of their two year terms are:

President, Amy Bennett, Office of Government Information Services, NARA
Secretary, Kirsten Mitchell, Office of Government Information Services, NARA
Director Jonathan Cantor, Homeland Security, Dept. of
Director James Holzer, Homeland Security, Dept. of
Director Ginger McCall, EPIC
Immediate Past President Scott Hodes, Scott A. Hodes, Attorney-At-Law

Our procedure this year for balloting utilizes Survey Monkey. Please be certain to follow the balloting procedures to ensure the integrity of the voting process. The procedures require that you put your name on the ballot so we can match your name to the list of eligible members (member in good standing as of September 30, 2017). If you cannot access Survey Monkey, you can return the paper ballot.

Enclosed are your official ballot and brief bios for each candidate. Please review this information carefully, make your selections and complete the survey or complete and return the official ballot to ASAP by 2:00 pm EST on **Monday, December 4, 2017**.

This ballot should be completed and returned per the procedures stated below to:

PREFERRED METHOD: Complete the ballot at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S6578D3>

-or-

Complete and return the ballot below to fax # 202-216-9646 or email to asap@accesspro.org

-or-

Mail your ballot to: American Society of Access Professionals, 1444 I St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005

In some years, ASAP has many candidates and in other years, we have fewer candidates. Many candidates must seek several levels of clearance before submitting their names for Board positions. Officer positions can require an additional level of clearance. This year, only two candidates put forth their names to be considered for officer positions, and three for director-at-large.

The ballot is representative of this. We gratefully thank the candidates, and we thank the members of the Nominating Committee for putting forth a slate that is in keeping with the ASAP principles. If you have any questions concerning any of the balloting procedures, please feel free to contact Nominating Committee Chair Scott Hodes at infoprivacylaw@yahoo.com or us at asap@accesspro.org or call 202-712-9054. We strongly encourage you to participate and thank you for your support.

Thank you!

BALLOT FOR 2018 ASAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DEADLINE: RETURN by 2:00 PM EST, Monday, December 18, 2017

Ballots should be returned to the ASAP office. If you choose to submit a paper ballot, please return it to asap@accesspro.org or fax to 202-216-9646. If you prefer mail (not recommended): American Society of Access Professionals 1444 I St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005

Required: Your Printed Name: _____

Your name is **REQUIRED** so that we can verify that you are a member of ASAP as of September 30, 2017. Without this information, the ballot will be invalidated.

Please VOTE for your selected nominee in each category by writing an (X) in the box, or write in candidates. For write-in candidates, include name, agency/organization and contact telephone or email.

OFFICERS (Please vote for ONE in each position.)

VICE-PRESIDENT

Marianne Manheim, National Institutes of Health, HHS

Write In: _____

TREASURER

Kellie Robinson, State, Dept. of

Write In: _____

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE (Listed alphabetically. **Please vote for up to THREE.** Voting for more than three candidates invalidates this portion of the ballot.)

Harry Hammitt, Access Reports, Inc.

Write In: _____

Michael Morisy, MuckRock

Write In: _____

Nick Wittenberg, Environmental Protection Agency, US

Write In: _____

Candidate Bios

Marianne Manheim is the Chief of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Branch at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health. From 2009 – 2015, Ms. Manheim served as the FOIA Program Manager at the U.S. Department of State, where she was responsible for developing and implementing FOIA policies, FOIA training, and FOIA reporting, as well as for continuously evaluating the State Department's FOIA process to make improvements. She also served as the Department of State's FOIA Public Liaison. Ms. Manheim has also worked at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, where she was responsible for privacy, data breach, and controlled unclassified information, and at Peace Corps Headquarters, where she served as the FOIA and Privacy Act Officer for the agency. She holds a J.D. from Valparaiso University School of Law and a B.A. from the University of Idaho and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire. Ms. Manheim served on the ASAP Board of Directors from 2013 - 2016.

Kellie Robinson is the FOIA Program Manager/FOIA Public Liaison in the Programs and Policies Division, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) at the Department of State. As the Department's FOIA Program Manager/FOIA Public Liaison, she is responsible for ensuring that the Department and IPS FOIA policies and procedures are established and that they are in compliance with FOIA, FOIA Amendments, Executive Orders, case law, and government-wide policy changes; creating and develop new policies as needed; developing training curriculums and providing training to Department staff; and assisting in the resolution of any dispute between the requester and the Department. Prior to this, she was one of the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA), Central Office (CO), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officers. She was the VHA FOIA Officer for Training and Education. She was responsible for providing training to VHA staff in VHA program offices at CO, VHA VISN's, and VA Medical Centers. Ms. Robinson serves on the ASAP board as treasurer and she is a member of the certification committee.

Michael Morisy is the founder of non-profit investigative news site and FOIA tool MuckRock. Since 2010, MuckRock has helped thousands file public records and FOIA requests at all levels of government. Based in Cambridge, MuckRock works with journalists, researchers, and activists across the country to make government more transparent and democracies more informed. Michael also serves on the boards of ASAP as well as the National Freedom of Information Coalition.

Nick Wittenberg is an attorney-advisor in the Office of Pesticide Programs focusing on FOIA request and litigation that involves large scale eDiscovery. Before joining EPA he worked in the private sector in eDiscovery for large scale client matters involving litigation as well as internal or government investigations. A number of these matters also involved large scale FOIA components to them as well. He joined the EPA in the summer of 2010 as an Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance law clerk assigned to the National Planning, Measures and Analysis Staff. He found this experience so enjoyable he organized a second law clerkship experience in the Legal Counsel Division of the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training in the spring of 2011. This was in the last semester of law school where he was a visiting student at The University of Baltimore. His legal journey began in college at The University of Toledo in the fall of 2004 where he served as an intern in Congresswoman Mary Kaptur's Washington, D.C. office. This excellent opportunity was his catalyst for pursuing a career in the law. While still in college, he had the opportunity to work as an intern at the Public Defender's Office in Toledo Municipal Court from May 2005 – May 2007, with a brief sabbatical for an internship in the summer of 2007 for an internship at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. While an undergraduate student he was awarded The Barney Quilter Good Government Scholarship. Upon graduating, he served as a project assistant at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in

Columbus, Ohio where he was involved in large scale cases involving toxic tort and asbestosis generally focusing on eDiscovery.

Harry A. Hammitt is editor/publisher of *Access Reports*, a biweekly newsletter on the Freedom of Information Act and open government laws and policies. He is the primary editor of *Litigation Under the Federal Open Government Laws* published by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC). He received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1975. He holds an M.A. in journalism from the University of Missouri and a J.D. from George Washington University Law School. He has worked as an information specialist for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for FOI Services, a third-party requesting company that deals primarily with businesses in the food and drug industry. He became editor of *Access Reports* in 1985 and became publisher in 1989. He has written and lectured extensively on access and privacy issues in both the United States and Canada. He is a past president of the American Society of Access Professionals and he conducted that organization's annual seminar on business information issues for more than ten years. He was inducted into the FOI Hall of Fame at the Freedom Forum in Arlington, Virginia, in 2001.