

THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Instructions and Procedures For Nominations to Membership Classes of 2020: Fellow and Elective Member

SUGGESTING POTENTIAL NOMINEES:

Any AOS member may suggest names for possible consideration as either Fellow or Elective Member nominees. Submit names to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Jack Dumbacher (jdumbacher@calacademy.org), by 29 November 2019.

SUBMITTING A COMPLETE NOMINATION:

Current AOS Fellows and Elective Members can submit a full nomination, using the form linked below. Elective Member nominations can come from Fellows and Elective Members; Fellows nominations can only come from Fellows. To submit a nomination, fill out the Nomination Form below, and include a copy of the nominee's CV. The Nomination Form can include signatures from all nominators, or each nominator can individually e-mail the AOS Secretary to confirm their willingness to support the nomination. Completed Nomination Forms and the CV should be sent to the AOS Secretary, Andy Jones (ajones@cmnh.org), by 29 November 2019.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Please review the criteria for each class of special membership prior to submitting the formal nomination. Individuals nominated for Fellows or Elective Members must be an AOS member in good standing. If you do not know the membership status of your candidate, please email Chris Mulvaney (cmulvaney@americanornithology.org) for confirmation.

AOS bylaws were changed in 2019, removing geographic restrictions on both categories of membership.

BYLAWS, Art. I, Sec. 3-4:

Fellows shall be chosen for exceptional and sustained contributions to ornithology and/or service to the Society.

Fellows at the time of their election shall be Honorary Fellows or Elective Members in good standing.

Elective Members shall be chosen for significant contributions to ornithology and/or service to the Society. Elective Members at the time of their election shall be Members in good standing.

Lists of current Elective Members and Fellows are available from the American Ornithology web site
<<https://americanornithology.org/about/fellows-elective-members/>>.

2020 AOS Fellow and Elective Member Nomination Instructions

FOR FELLOW NOMINATIONS, the Secretary will compile and prepare packets, and send these to current Fellows in advance of the annual meeting. Accompanying that mailing will be a formal announcement of the upcoming Fellows meeting, including an agenda and the previous meeting's minutes. **VOTING FOR 2020 FELLOWS** takes place at the annual Fellows Meeting at the North American Ornithological Conference meeting in August 2020 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. For election procedures related to Fellows, see AOS Bylaws, Art. IV, Sec. 8. Names of duly-elected Fellows and Honorary Fellows will be announced at the AOS members' meeting.

FOR ELECTIVE MEMBER NOMINATIONS, the Secretary will compile information and send out instructions for balloting to all current Fellows and Elective Members in advance of the annual meeting. The election of Elective Members is electronic (hard copies are available by request), and will take place in spring 2020. Nominees receiving at least half the number of votes cast are considered duly elected. Results are confidential until announced at the North American Ornithological Conference in August 2020 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Following a public announcement, the names of newly-elected Fellows and Elective Members are published online. The Secretary will notify officially those elected, and will require a written acknowledgment accepting election. The AOS History Committee sends new Fellows a form requesting biographical information, which is eventually stored with other AOS records in the Smithsonian Institution Archives.

FORMAT FOR BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

LAST (IN CAPS), first and middle names (lower case)

2020 Nomination for (FELLOW or ELECTIVE MEMBER)

AOS Member, year. AOS Elective Member (if nominee for Fellow), year. Current position or title, and full name and address of institution; if not affiliated with an institution, then give home address.

B.Sc., year granted, college or university; M.Sc., year, university; Ph.D., year, university.

List positions held, in reverse chronological order.

Give a concise summary of ornithological research interests. Review the important aspects of publications, giving brief citations for major works, and indicating first authorship with an asterisk. Summarize attendance and participation at meetings, and list services rendered to the AOS and other ornithological activities (e.g., committee activity, advisor of graduate research, conservation or public service activity). You may wish to include a link to a professional/academic website.

The word count for biographical statements is typically 300-400.

Nominated by (List the full names of three nominators)

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT 1

RUTH, Janet M.

2016 Nomination for ELECTIVE MEMBER

Member, 1989. General Ecologist – Research (Emeritus), USGS, Albuquerque, NM 87131

B.A. 1979, Eastern Mennonite Coll.; M.S. 1991, George Mason Univ.; Ph.D. 1995, George Mason Univ.

Legislative Staff Asst. 1983-1991 (U.S. House of Reps.); Staff Biologist 1991-1996 (USFWS/NBS); Partners in Flight (PIF) Coordinator for NBS/USGS 1993-2015; General Ecologist – Research 1996-present (USGS); Adj. Research Assoc. Prof. 2008-2015 (Univ. New Mexico).

Dr. Ruth's interests are in avian ecology, particularly (1) life history, ecology, and distribution of grassland birds, and especially Grasshopper Sparrow, *ammolegus* subspecies, and (2) migration ecology in the arid Southwest. She has been deeply involved in landbird conservation planning in the Western Hemisphere through PIF, and received a PIF National Leadership Award in 2006. She has published articles, including **Southwest. Nat.* 59:199-211, **Condor* 114:698-710, **Studies in Avian Biol.* 37:113-124, *Studies in Avian Biol.* 126-137, **JFO* 73:412-419. She was associate editor for **Studies in Avian Biol.* 37. She has published USFWS documents including, **Status assessment & conservation plan for the Grasshopper Sparrow (2015)*, *Molt and aging criteria for four North American grassland passerines (2008)*, and **Cassin's Sparrow status assessment and conservation plan (2000)*. She is coauthor on multiple PIF publications including PIF landbird conservation plan, 2016 revision (in press), *Saving our shared birds (2010)*, and **PIF research assessment summary (2009)*. She was a board member of the NM Ornithological Society (2006-2014), a Steering Committee member of the NM Avian Conservation Partners (2001-2015), member of PIF national Steering Committee (1993-present), PIF Science Committee (2005-present). Dr. Ruth regularly attends AOS meetings.

Nominated by the Committee.

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT 2

JOHNSON, Jeff A.

2016 Nomination for ELECTIVE MEMBER

Member, 1999. Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Univ. of North Texas, Denton, TX 76203.

B.S. 1995, Drury Univ.; M.S. 1998, North Carolina State Univ.; Ph.D. 2003, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Assoc. Prof. of Biological Sciences 2014 to present; Assist. Prof. 2008-2014; Assist. Research Scientist 2005-2008 (Univ. of Michigan-Ann Arbor).

Dr. Johnson studies the population biology and evolution of galliformes and raptors, and applies these results to practical conservation measures. His research on inbreeding in the endangered Attwater's Prairie-chicken has successfully reduced inbreeding depression in the captive population (*Mol. Ecol.* 22:5313-5328; *Anim. Conserv.* in press) and led to successful genetic restoration efforts in other populations (*Biol. Conserv.* 174:12-19). His research also focuses on genomic approaches for pedigree reconstruction and discerning evolutionary relationships among grouse (*Mol. Phylogenet. Evol.* 84:1-13) and birds of prey (**Proc. R. Soc. B* 272:1365-1371; **Anim. Conserv.* 10:349-359; *Mol. Phylogenet. Evol.* 82:166-182). Dr. Johnson has investigated temporal changes in gene flow (**Mol. Ecol.* 12:3335-3347; **Mol. Ecol.* 16:3145-3160; *Condor* 116:560-573) and effective population size (**Mol. Ecol.* 13:2617-2630; **PLoS ONE* 5:e14042), as well as plumage color adaptation (**J. Hered* 103:315-321; **Ibis* 155:177-188). Dr. Johnson regularly attends AOS meetings, and has often been a judge for student presentation awards. He has co-organized NAOC symposia in 2006 and 2016. He is also an editor for *Animal Conservation* and has peer-reviewed many manuscripts for multiple journals. Dr. Johnson currently has four M.S. and Ph.D. students.

Nominated by Peter O. Dunn, Linda A. Whittingham, and David P. Mindell.

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT 3

BUSH, Sarah E.

2017 Nomination for FELLOW

AOS Member, 1999. AOS Elective Member, 2009. Assist. Prof., Dept. Biology, Univ. Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

B.S. 1999, Univ. Utah; Ph.D., 2004 Univ. Utah.

Assist. Prof., Dept. Biology 2010-present (Univ. Utah); Adjunct Curator-Vertebrate Zoology 2011-present (Natural History Museum of Utah); Postdoctoral Researcher 2004-2010 (Univ. Kansas Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Research Center).

Dr. Bush's research focuses on the coevolutionary ecology of birds and their parasites, as well as biodiversity, biogeography, and systematics. She takes three major approaches to address these themes: 1) Discovery and Descriptions of Diversity – to understand the evolutionary ecology of host-parasite diversity, it is necessary to first document what hosts and parasites exist, where they occur and how they are associated with each other. Dr. Bush's faunal survey work has led to the description of many new parasite genera and species, as well as a greater understanding of the relationship between habitat change and biodiversity, and host-parasite co-extinction. 2) Phylogenetic and Comparative Studies - Using specimens and data generated from faunal surveys, Dr. Bush and collaborators conduct phylogenetic, co-phylogenetic, and other comparative approaches to identify macroevolutionary patterns underlying the diversity of avian parasites. 3) Experimental Evolution – Faunal surveys and comparative studies frequently generate hypotheses about ecological and evolutionary processes that are testable in microevolutionary time. Dr. Bush uses Rock Pigeons and their parasitic feather lice as a model system to test coevolutionary hypotheses about adaptations that birds use to defend themselves against ectoparasites and the counter-defenses parasites use to avoid these avian defenses.

Dr. Bush has coauthored a book (*Coevolution of Life on Hosts: Integrating Ecology and History*, by DH Clayton, SE Bush and KP Johnson, Univ. Chicago Press, 2016) and published 56 peer reviewed papers including: **Am. Nat.* 176:529-535; **Auk* 123:153-161; **Biodiv. Conserv.* 22: 1391-1404; *Ecol.* 89: 3186-3194; **Evol.* 60: 2158-2167; *Evol.* 71: 421-431; **Functional Ecology* 23: 578-586; **J. Animal Ecol.* 77: 558-564.; **J. Parasitol.* 95:10-13; **Mol. Phylog. Evol.* 94: 737-751.

Dr. Bush has attended AOS meetings since 2000, and co-hosted an avian parasite symposium in 2013. She has advised 2 postdocs, 5 graduate and over 15 undergraduate students that have incorporated avian biology in their studies. Avian and avian parasites that she has collected and prepared are in several museums in the USA, China, New Guinea, and the Philippines.

Nominated by the Committee.

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NOMINATION FORM: FELLOW OR ELECTIVE MEMBER (circle or highlight one)

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Birth date: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT: The entire statement, including the candidate's name, etc., and the list of names of nominators, is typically 300-400 words. Please follow format instructions on the previous examples, including letter case and abbreviations for names of institutions, degrees, etc. Use standard abbreviations for journal names in citations. Your attention to these details will reduce the amount of editing required after receipt of the nomination, and will be appreciated greatly!

SIGNATURES OF NOMINATORS:

For Fellow nominees, all three nominators must be Fellows. For Elective Member nominees, the nominators may be either Fellows or Elective Members. Digital signatures are accepted, and signatories can also simply e-mail Secretary Andy Jones to confirm their support of the nomination (ajones@cmnh.org).

Signature

Date

Fellow or EM

SECRETARY MUST RECEIVE NOMINATION BY 29 NOVEMBER 2019