

## **Report of the Elections Committee, 2002**

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This year election of President-Elect and Program Director was needed. A call for nominations by the membership was conducted and their responses tallied. The Elections Committee generated a list of names of possible candidates for election to the offices of President-Elect and Program Director. Potential candidates were contacted and the following ballot list resulted: President-Elect: Linda Graham, University of Wisconsin, Loren Rieseberg, Indiana University; Program Director: Jeffrey Osborn, Truman State University, W. Carl Taylor, Milwaukee Public Museum. Results of the voting is: President-Elect- Linda Graham and Program Director- Jeff Osborn.

Some discussion took place, within the Election Committee, and in conversations with potential candidates, which raised points we consider important for future consideration:

1. What characteristics should we be looking for in a potential President? Here, name recognition, knowledge of how BSA works, contribution to the society were some attributes mentioned. Some prior experience, such as having served on one or more committees or on the Council, or holding a previous office was judged important by some but not all individuals. Commitment to the society is important.
2. It has been suggested that the Program Director should not be an elected position, but an appointed one.