

Dear XXX:

On behalf of the American Arachnological Society, we would like to know whether you might be willing to be nominated for the position of President-Elect for the AAS. Section 7 of our constitution describes this wonderful two-year position: The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in his or her absence at business meeting, and shall become the President in the event of death, resignation, or disability of the President. In the event of the absence of both President and President-Elect at a business meeting, any member of the Society duly chosen by the members present ought to preside. The President-elect is also in charge of the student paper/ poster competitions and rounding-up future meeting sites. And are you ready for the best part of all? - The President-elect then goes on and serves as president of the AAS for two years, then as a Director for two more.

This is an exciting opportunity to become a key person on the AAS executive; it is not a terribly onerous position, but is very important and insures the long-term and continued success of the AAS. This is an extremely important position for our society, and I sincerely hope you will consider our request. In all honesty, I think you've got the right personality and experience to handle the position with ease.

We look forward to your response, and if you are willing to be nominated, we will subsequently ask you for a short-paragraph to describe yourself, your research interests, and your interests in the AAS, and in the position as the president-elect. Members will be voting soon on this position, and we hope your name can be on the ballot!

Thank you,

Chris Buddle and Jason Bond,
Nomination Committee for the AAS

Dear XXXX,

On behalf of the American Arachnological Society, we would like to know whether you might be willing to be nominated as a director for the AAS. This is a two-year term. The main duties are to be involved with the nominating committee for new officers; to liaison with the chair of the marketing committee in order to develop a strategy for raising the organization's profile, attract new members, etc.; to liaison with the chair of the student research award committee to get updates and information about award selection (done one month prior to application deadline); and to sit as a voting member of the executive committee for the society. You would also be expected to attend meetings of executive committee, held each year in conjunction with the annual AAS meetings. This is an exciting opportunity to become involved with the AAS in a formal manner, and insure the long-term and continued success of the AAS. It's not an onerous position, but is important for the society.

We look forward to your response, and if you are willing to be nominated, we will subsequently ask you for a short-paragraph to describe yourself, your research interests, and your interests in the AAS, and in the position as a director. Members will be voting soon on new directors, and we hope your name can be on the ballot!

Thank you,

Jason Bond & Chris Buddle
Nomination Committee for the AAS