

President's Letter



Dear readers,

In January, the NAME Leadership Team met in Louisville, Kentucky for its winter planning retreat. As I wrote in the previous issue, a huge piece of our work over the past months has been overhauling our recruitment and nominations procedures, and we had a terrific response – over three times the number of applicants in past years. After the nominees are ratified by the NAME membership, we will introduce nine new Leadership Team members at the AAM annual meeting in San Francisco. Of course this means saying goodbye to many hard-working and dedicated folks who have served this organization for many years. We hope to keep you close as you move on to new activities and commitments.

Reconsidering our nomination process is a step toward our goal to increase the diversity of backgrounds and experiences represented on our team and in our programs. Also toward this goal, we worked with a facilitator to create a draft of NAME's first inclusion statement. Our next step will be to socialize the statement with our members to gain

all-important feedback, so that the version we ultimately adopt includes as many voices and opinions as possible. We will be hosting in-person opportunities for conversations at NAME events in San Francisco, so please look for them if you are attending the conference – or feel free to reach out to me at any time with your thoughts and ideas.

Once again, the AAM annual meeting program looks amazing! Thank you to all who submitted session proposals, to Bay Area-museums hosting Learning Excursions and events, and especially to the volunteers who support all of these experiences.

Here's to another great season of learning and sharing together.

Sincerely,



Penny Jennings

President