Call for Nominations: AAR Board of Directors

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce three positions up for election in 2018: Vice President, Treasurer, and one At-Large Director. Nominations for these positions must be received by January 31, 2018.

To learn more about the AAR Nomination and Election Process and view official job descriptions for board members, visit our site.

Nominations may be submitted through the online submission form. To be considered for any elected position, the following information is required:

- A brief biographical sketch of no more than 200 words
- A statement on your candidacy for the position, between 500 and 600 words (e.g., what objectives and goals you would bring to the position)
- A current curriculum vitae

Quick Links:

- AAR Board of Director Nominations
- 2018 Membership Renewal Reminder
- Recent Reviews from Reading Religion
- Free Webinar on Religion & Ecology
- Religion & the Arts Award Nominations
- Annual Book Award Submissions
- Regional Meeting Calls for Papers
Deadline for submissions is **January 31, 2018**.

Please send any questions to [nominations@aarweb.org](mailto:nominations@aarweb.org).

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**Mid-Atlantic**
Deadline: December 30

**Upper Midwest**
Deadline: January 6

**New-England Maritimes**
Deadline: January 17

**Midwest**
Deadline: January 18

**Pacific Northwest**
Deadline: January 19

**Eastern International**
Deadline: February 1

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**2018 Regional Meetings**

**Open Registration:**

[New England-Maritimes](#)

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For more info on regional calls for papers, meeting dates and locations, and online registration, check...
For questions about your membership, please contact us at membership@aarweb.org or (404) 727-3049.

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**Member Notes:**

**Major Books and Publications**


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This Public Scholars Project webinar is a joint initiative of the AAR’s Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Newseum Institute’s Religious Freedom Center.

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Call for Nominations: Religion & the Arts Award
The AAR award in Religion and the Arts is presented annually to an artist, performer, critic, curator, or scholar who has made a recent significant contribution to the understanding of the relations among the arts and religions, both for the academy and for a broader public.

Past winners include author Marilynne Robinson, painter Makoto Fujimura, miniaturist and digital artist Shahzia Sikander, and director Martin Scorsese. Submit your nomination online or visit our website for more information. Deadline to submit nominations is February 1, 2018.
The American Academy of Religion seeks submissions for the annual book awards:

- Best First Book in the History of Religions
- Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion (winners in four categories):
  - Analytical-Descriptive Studies
  - Constructive-Reflective Studies
  - Historical Studies
  - Textual Studies

The submission deadline for all book awards is February 10, 2018. You can find submission instructions and eligibility requirements here. Physical submissions should be sent to the AAR executive office:

Sarah Levine
Attn: Book Awards
American Academy of Religion
825 Houston Mill RD NE STE 300
Atlanta, GA 30329

Questions and letters of nomination may be emailed to slevine@aarweb.org.
Happy Holidays from All of Us at AAR! We'll See You in the New Year!