Purpose: To align with the stated criteria from Section 2 of the Penn State Alumni Association bylaws, the following selection criteria are outlined for 2017; to vet all nominations received by January 15, 2017.

1) Volunteer support/service to the Penn State Alumni Association (PSAA), alumni societies, chapters, AIGs and APGs, its mission, and programs. Evidence of leadership roles/experience (i.e.: chair, vice chair, board member, other designated roles) in their volunteer activities within the PSAA.

2) Volunteer support/service to Penn State, including its colleges, campuses and other units of the University in support of its mission of teaching, research, and service. Evidence of leadership roles/experience in their volunteer activities within the University, its colleges and campuses, etc.

3) Volunteer experiences and service within nominees' local community.

4) Demonstrates support for and/or representative for the PSAA, University, and societal diversity objectives.

5) Active membership within the Penn State Alumni Association.

Potential Points: On a 1-5 scale, with five criteria, there are 25 potential points to be attained.

Successful Nomination to be Placed on Ballot: 70 percent or 17.5 total points accumulated. All nominees are strongly encouraged to fully complete the Nomination Form.

Rating Scale Guidance:

For Criteria #1-4: (Note—This should be evaluated based on the elapsed time between graduation and today. For example, if the nominee graduated 20 years ago, the evaluation should be over the 20-year period; and if the nominee graduated within the last five years, the evaluation should be based on the five-year period.)

1 = No evidence of consistent involvement/service.
2 = Sporadic involvement, but there has been evidence of past/present role(s).
3 = Occasional involvement, but there are long gaps between activities.
4 = Consistent involvement in an activity, recognizing breaks in service are normal course of business due to board, program and/or committee cycles, etc.
5 = Consistent and regular involvement, often with multiple simultaneous activities and/or concurrent involvement at differing levels of the PSAA, University and/or community.

For Criteria #5: (Note—PSAA staff will validate membership status.) On a 1-5 scale, evaluation should be made considering the following:

Nominee should show recent evidence of membership in the PSAA, with additional consideration given for longer-term consistent membership in the Alumni Association. For more recent graduates, consideration will be given if the nominee was a Blue & White Society member. Also taken into account will be the nominee’s student volunteer experience. The ability to govern on any Alumni Association or Alumni Society Board requires the individual to be a member of the Alumni Association.