**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**RE:** **PLA-ALA campaign practices**

**DATE:** December 9, 2019

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:** **ACTION ITEM**

**ACTION REQUESTED BY:** Ramiro Salazar, PLA President

**DRAFT OF MOTION:**  Approve inviting all PLA and ALA candidates running for election for president, treasurer, and board to be introduced at the PLA board winter meetings, in addition to existing practice as described [here](http://www.ala.org/pla/about/workingwith/candidates)

# OVERVIEW PLA past practice related to candidates for election to ALA and PLA board positions was to invite candidates to be introduced at our board meetings at Midwinter. During a PLA conference year, PLA also offers candidates space in the exhibit hall to promote their candidacies. For PLA candidates, we create a candidate webpage and promote election participation for ALA and PLA to our members. Information about the process is [[here](http://www.ala.org/pla/about/workingwith/candidates)](http://www.ala.org/pla/about/workingwith/candidates) .

This year, there is no PLA board meeting at Midwinter. An ALA candidate reached out to Ramiro about being introduced in January and Ramiro invited the candidate to be introduced at our Nashville meeting. The opposing ALA candidate will be invited as well. Should this offer be extended to PLA presidential and board candidates and made standard practice for PLA in light of the changes to Midwinter?