Governance Transition
Timeline to Date

• April 16: New Bylaws passed by CPC
• June 19: New Bylaws passed by Council
• September 5: New Bylaws passed by Membership
Now, how do we get there?
Interim Governance

- Board of Directors and Council on Microbial Sciences not yet in place
- First step: Transitional CPC to handle ordinary affairs of the Society (i.e., budget)
Proposed Nomination and Election Timeline

• November 14: Call for Nominations Opens
• December 1: Nominating Committee Formed
• December 14: Call for Nominations Closes
• January: Nominating Committee Determines Slate
• January 25: Slate Presented to Membership, Election Opens
• February 24: Election Closes
• March 1: Announce new BOD and COMS
• April: BOD Orientation
• June: First COMS and BOD meetings (at ASM Microbe)
Nominating Committee

- New bylaws call for a nominating committee that consists of 6 members selected by COMS, and 2 members appointed by BOD
- Challenge: no BOD or COMS yet
- We do have a chair!
  - Lynn Enquist, Past President
- Plan open call to CPC/Council to solicit interest to serve
Filled/Slated Positions

*Council approved slate in June 2016, has not been publicly released
Governance Positions

• Open Positions:
  – Six At-Large Board of Director Positions
  – Eight COMS At-Large Division Representatives
  – Ten COMS At-Large Members
At-Large Board of Directors
Positions (6)

For initial election to achieve staggered terms:

One-year term: 2 positions
Two-year term: 2 positions
Three-year term: 2 positions

Nominating Committee will put forth a pairing, if possible, for each open position.

All future terms will be three years.
COMS Composition

• 35 branch representatives, elected by each branch according to their own practice
• 27 division representatives, elected by each division according to their own practice
• 8 division at-large to balance branch and division representation
• 10 at-large representatives elected by membership
• Program board/committee chairs
At-Large COMS Division Representatives Positions (8)

• Short-term: Existing division at-large representatives carry over to COMS for one year (July 2017-July 2018)

• Long-term: COMS creates a subcommittee of division councilors who prepare a slate of candidates for the 8 division at-large seats (for July 2018); all division members vote/elect
At-Large COMS Positions

For initial election to achieve staggered terms:

One-year term: 3 positions
Two-year term: 3 positions
Three-year term: 4 positions

Nominating Committee will put forth a pairing, if possible, for each open position.
All future terms will be three years.
Call for Nominations

• Applicable this year to At-Large BOD and At-Large COMS positions
• Position descriptions made available for all open positions
• Nominations and self-nominations welcome
• Potential candidates submit position statement and short CV
• Potential candidates submit term-length preference