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Following a call to the membership for candidates to run for election to the AAZK Board of Directors appearing in the December 2022 issue of the Animal Keepers' Forum, the American Association of Zoo Keepers is pleased to announce that three candidates have been appointed to join the Board of Directors for a four year term to begin at the 2023 AAZK National Conference in Akron.

Erika Defer from Safari West Wildlife Preserve

Sara Bjerklie from Dallas Zoo

Sarah Snider from Tulsa Zoo

The deadline for nomination on February 28, 2023 resulted in the three AAZK Professional Member candidates to fill three vacancies on the AAZK Board. As per AAZK Directive, when the candidate number matches the Board vacancies, the election will be waived. The candidates were then appointed for their terms by the seated AAZK President and ratified by the seated AAZK Board of Directors. The term for the newly appointed Board members will expire in 2027 at the conclusion of the AAZK National Conference.

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