Dear Members of the Society for Song, Yuan, and Conquest Dynasties Studies,

Happy Lunar New Year and best wishes for the coming year.

The Society for Song, Yuan, and Conquest Dynasties Studies will be holding an election for **three new members** of the Society’s Board of Directors and invite all members to nominate candidates for these positions.

Starting this year we will designate one board position for a graduate student representative—someone whose research focuses on the study of the Song, Yuan, or Conquest Dynasties, from the early tenth century to the mid-fourteenth century.

We also emphasize our commitment to diversity of representation in the Board in terms of:

 --ethnicity and national origin

 -- different career stages

 --kinds of employment (e.g., tenured and tenure-track faculty, contract faculty, librarians, curators, archivists, etc.).

We hope you will consider these aims if you would like to nominate a candidate for the election.

Candidates for these positions on the Board may nominate themselves or may be nominated by other members of the Society. If you intend to nominate another member of the Society, please reach out to that person in advance to confirm their willingness to stand for nomination.

Candidates should provide a very brief (two-three sentences) statement of their work and interests and preferably also the URL for a website providing information on the candidate’s professional experience and interests, both of which will appear on the ballot website when the election gets underway in March. Please indicate whether the candidate is a graduate student, so that we can indicate that on the election slate.

**All nominations should be submitted by the end of Friday, February 25.**

**Please send your nominations to Ya Zuo** **leahyzuo@gmail.com****.**

Thank you very much for your participation in this process, and your membership in the Society.