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September 8, 1975

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Society  
of American Law Teachers

FROM: Stephen Gillers

RE: Election of Board of Governors

ARTICLE VI of the Society's Bylaws governs nominations and elections of the members of the Board of Governors and the President of the Society. Enclosed is a copy of Article VI, as amended.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following members to the Board of Governors: Charles Ares (Arizona); Frank Askin (Rutgers); Robert W. Bennett (Northwestern); Harlan Blake (Columbia); James F. Blumstein (Vanderbilt); Addison M. Bowman (Hawaii); Sanford Fox (Boston College); Carole Goldberg (UCLA); Sylvia Law (NYU); Arval Morris (Washington); Robert J. Rabin (Syracuse); Edward F. Sherman (Indiana); Jon R. Waltz (Northwestern); and Mark Yudof (Texas).

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of Judith Areen (Georgetown); Charles Ares (Arizona); Michael Geltner (Ohio State); Robert Pitofsky (Georgetown); and Howard Sacks (Connecticut).

The Board of Governors, at its spring meeting, nominated Howard Lesnick (Pennsylvania) for a one-year term as President of the Society.

Members may nominate additional candidates for the Board of Governors or President in the following manner.

Any 15 Society members may nominate a candidate for the Board of Governors, other than himself or herself, by mailing the name of the candidate on a petition signed by the 15 nominators to the Society's offices. Nominations by petition must be received by October 10, 1975. If a nominee wishes a biography of himself or herself to accompany the ballot, the biography must be received by October 10, 1975 as well. Maximum length is 150 words. Unlike last year, excerpts from the AALS book will not accompany the ballot.

Any 50 Society members or ten percent of the total membership, whichever is less, may nominate a member to be President by sending a petition to the Society's office containing the name of the candidate and signed by the nominators. The nomination, and any biography which the candidate wishes to accompany the ballot, must both be received by October 10, 1975. Since there are currently more than 500 members of the Society, 50 nominators are required to nominate a candidate for President by the Petition process.

SG:ag  
Enc.

# BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS

## ARTICLE VI

### NOMINATIONS

One third of the members of the Board of Governors (except that in 1974 the entire twenty-four members of the Board of Governors to succeed the initial Board of Governors) and the President shall be elected in the following manner each year:

a. At the spring meeting of the Board of Governors there shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting (i) after consultation with the President, a Nominating Committee of five members of the Society, at least two of whom shall be members of the Board of Governors; and (ii) at least one nominee for President.

b. Not later than August 1, the Nominating Committee shall inform the President in writing of its nominees, which shall be at least one-fourth more than the number of vacancies but not more than twice the number of vacancies. At least three members of the Nominating Committee must agree to each nomination. Members of the Nominating Committee may be nominees but may not vote for their own nomination.

c. Not later than September 10, there shall be sent to each member (i) the names of the nominees of the Nominating Committee and (ii) the name(s) of the member(s) nominated by the Board of Governors to be President. At the same time, there shall be sent a brief statement of the petition process and the deadlines and requirements therefor.

d. Any fifteen members of the Society may nominate additional members to the Board of Governors by petition if the names of such nominees and the petition signed by the fifteen members are received at the office of the Society no later than October 10. In such event, the names of the nominees shall be added to the ballot sent out pursuant to this Article. No member may nominate himself or herself. Nominations by petitions shall be accompanied by a biography of the nominee, which shall be received by October 10.

e. Any fifty members of the Society or ten percent of the total membership, whichever is less, may nominate a member to be President by petition if the name of such nominee and the petition signed by the members are received at the office of the Society no later than October 10. In such event, the name of the nominee shall be added to the ballot to be mailed pursuant to this Article. No member may nominate himself or herself or sign more than one nominating petition for President. Nominations by petitions shall be accompanied by a biography of the nominee, which shall be received by October 10.

f. The ballot for members of the Board of Governors and the ballot for President, with appropriate instructions, shall be mailed to all members of the Society no later than November 1 of any year.

g. Each member shall be required to return his or her ballot postmarked no later than November 25 of the same year. No member's ballot shall be counted unless it is accompanied by the dues of the member for the following year.

h. Ballots shall be secret but in order to insure that a ballot is legitimate, a member may be required to sign a separate enclosure accompanying the ballot.

i. Each candidate shall have the right to submit a statement of up to two hundred words, which shall be included with the ballots if received at the office of the Society no later than October 10.

j. No later than December 10 of each year, at least two people, none of whom are candidates for President or the Board of Governors, shall jointly open the ballots and tally the votes for the members of the Board of Governors and for President. If there are two candidates for President, the candidate receiving the greater number of votes shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, there shall be an immediate run-off election

between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes.

k. No person shall be entitled to vote in any election whose application for membership in the Society shall not have been received at the Society on or before October 15 of the year in which such election is held.

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September 3, 1974

## MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS

FROM: STEPHEN GILLERS

RE: ELECTION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ARTICLE VI of the Society's bylaws governs nominations and elections of the members of the Board of Governors and the President of the Society. The Nominating Committee of the current Board has nominated the members whose names appear on the attached list to fill the 24 vacant Board positions. Because this is the first Board election, all 24 members will be elected. Hereafter, one third of the Board will be replaced each year. The Nominating Committee was required to nominate between 30 and 48 members to fill the 24 positions.

The members of the Nominating Committee were Linda Champlin (Ohio State); Leroy Clark (NYU); Thomas Emerson (Yale); Howard Lesnick, Chairman (Pennsylvania); and Robert Pitofsky (Georgetown).

The Board of Governors, at its May meeting, nominated Norman Dorsen (NYU) for a second one-year term as President of the Society.

Members may nominate additional candidates for the Board of Governors or President in the following manner.

Any fifteen Society members may nominate a candidate for the Board of Governors, other than himself or herself, by mailing the name of the candidate on a petition signed by the fifteen nominators to the Society's offices. Nominations must be received by October 10, 1974.

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Any fifty Society members or ten percent of the total membership, whichever is less, may nominate a member to be President by sending a petition to the Society's office containing the name of the candidate and signed by the nominators. The nomination must be received no later than October 10, 1974. No member may nominate himself or herself. There are currently 408 members of the Society so that 41 nominators are now needed to nominate a candidate for President by the Petition process.

SG/mj

Nominees of Nominating Committee

Gerala Abraham, Villanova	Nathan Gozansky, Emory
George Alexander, Santa Clara	Charles Halpern, Ctr. Law & Soc. Pol.
Alison Anderson, U.C.L.A.	Eva Hanks, Rutgers (Newark)
Charles Ares, Arizona	Eugene Harrington, Texas Southern
Frank Askin, Rutgers (Newark)	Sylvia Law, N.Y.U.
Barbara Babcock, Stanford	Howard Lesnick, Pennsylvania
Clinton Bamberger, Catholic	Ian MacNeil, Cornell
Robert Bennett, Northwestern	Arval Morris, Washington
James Blumstein, Vanderbilt	Jay Murphy, Alabama
David Bogen, Maryland	Frank Newman, California (Berkeley)
Adison Bowman, Georgetown	Melvin Nimmer, U.C.L.A.
Ralph Brown, Yale	John O'Byrne, Northeastern
David Cavers, Harvard	Robert Pitofsky, Georgetown
David Chambers, Michigan	Louis Pollak, Pennsylvania
Linda Champlin, Ohio State	Robert Rabin, Syracuse
Leroy Clark, N.Y.U.	Cruz Reynoso, New Mexico
Alan Dershowitz, Harvard	Herman Schwartz, S.U.N.Y. (Buffalo)
Thomas Emerson, Yale	Robert Sedler, Kentucky
Monroe Freeman, Hofstra	Susan Spivak, Arizona State
Ruth Baer Ginsburg, Columbia	Preble Stolz, California (Berkeley)

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return to Stephen Giller, 250 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007. If space is inadequate, use reverse side.

1. Do you have a comment on any of the proposed projects in Part 2 of the memorandum of May 1974? In particular, note whether you think any of the items are:

(a) Particularly important.

(b) Inappropriate at this time.

2. What other subjects or projects should the Society take up.

3. Are you interested in working on any of the projects in Part 2 of the memorandum? Yes. (If so, please telephone or write the law teacher listed as the coordinator of the particular committee or indicate your interest and someone will be in touch with you.) I am writing Professor Ian MacNeil as chairman of the committee on certification and specialization of lawyers.

4. Are you interested in participating in any other aspect of the Society's activities? Yes. If so, please indicate what you have in mind.

I know a special role could be played by law librarians who are members of law school faculties.

5. General comments.