

NLGSF Election Procedures 2008

Election Time & Place: October 1, 2008. Location: TBD. Polls will open at 5:30 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

1. Executive Board Election

A. Seats Up For Election

The four non-student officer seats will be up for re-election for one-year terms. Bylaws Art. 5, sec. 5. There will be 8 at-large Board seats up for election, which will be two-year terms. Bylaws Art. 5, sec. 5.

Executive Board

Terms Ending (Seats up for election)

President Heather Mills
Vice President Teague Briscoe
Secretary Matthew Rinaldi
Treasurer Nancy Lowenthal
Anne Befu
Aly Ebrahimzadeh¹
Marc-Tizoc González²
Terry Koch
Karl Krooth
Derek McDonald
Christine Stouffer
Rai Sue Sussman⁴

Terms Continuing through 2009

Law Student Co-Rep Aliya Karmali
Law Student Co-Rep Jessica Stender
Sharon Adams
Gordon Kaupp
Rachel Lederman
Susan Mooney
Matt Ross
P. Bobby Shukla
Christina Alicia Varner³
David Weintraub

B. Candidates

Candidates must be members in good standing. They can declare their intention to run up to the time polls open on October 1. But if they wish to have their candidacy and a candidate statement posted on the chapter website and their name on the mail ballot, they must advise the NLG office by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2008, and/or provide the office with their statement by that date and time. Candidates must identify whether they are seeking a specific officer position, or an at-large seat.

Candidates who declare by the early September 10, 2008 deadline may also request mailing labels with Bay Area Chapter members' addresses from the office to provide candidate information to members by mail. This

¹ Elected by Board vote in late 2007 to fill a vacated 1 year slot.

² Id.

³ Elected by Board vote in late 2007 to take over 2 year term briefly held by Renee Quintero Sanchez.

⁴ Elected by Board vote in late 2007 to fill a vacated 1 year slot.

request must be made when candidacy is declared on or before September 10, 2008.

2. Change of Terms' Start and End Date Proposal on Ballot

A. Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to allow for more transition time between election results and seating a new Board, and to allow for a later Board orientation.

B. Explanation of Impact on Current Board

If the Extension of Terms proposal is approved by the members, new terms will automatically begin on January 1 and end on December 31, 2009 for officer slots, or end on December 31, 2010 for At Large slots. Current officers and Board members whose terms would normally end on October 1, 2008, will have their terms extended through December 31, 2008. Current Board members whose terms would normally end on election night 2009, will have their terms extended through December 31, 2009.

C. Proposal: Change of Terms' Start and End Date

- i. Newly elected officers and Board members will not begin their terms until January 1.*
- ii. All current officers and members of the Executive Board shall have their terms extended by no more than 3 months to coincide with new term start and end dates of January 1 and December 31.*

3. Voting

A. Eligibility to Vote

All members in good standing may vote. Members' dues must be current in order to vote. Lapsed members may tender dues up to the date and time of the membership vote to make dues current. Bylaws, Art. 4, sec. 10. New members must join and pay dues by 5 p.m. September 17, 2008. Bylaws, Art.4, sec. 10.

B. Absentee Voting

Mail in ballots must be requested by September 24, 2008: Vote by mail ballot shall be permitted. Mail ballots are only available by request. You may request a mail ballot by sending an email to Raul Aguilar at

raul@nlgsf.org, or by calling him at the Guild office at 415-285-5067, ext. 11 before 4:00 p.m. on September 24, 2008. Requests made after this date may not be accommodated. Upon this request, the mail ballot will be mailed to you. To ensure an accurate slate of candidates, no mail ballot will be mailed until September 12, 2008.

Members requesting absentee ballots will be sent a secret ballot, an anonymous envelope, and a marked return (outer) envelope which must have a name printed **and** signed on the outside. The office will maintain a list of authorized absentee voters. After checking the outer envelopes for validity, secret ballots will be segregated from outer envelopes. No one will be permitted to cast two ballots.

Your mail in ballot must be received at the Guild office by no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the Election, October 1, 2008; alternatively it can be submitted by hand at the polling place while the polls are open. The Guild office address is 558 Capp Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. The office is on the second floor. Ballots received after that time and date will be discarded.

C. Tied Vote

In the event of a tied vote, blind lots will be drawn immediately after the election to determine which candidate shall have the seat.