

# Announcement of 2008-2009 NACDL Election and Applicable Procedures

The 2008 election process for NACDL's Board of Directors and Executive Committee positions is about to get underway. This year, NACDL members will elect nine members of the Board of Directors, as well as President-Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

All rules governing the conduct of NACDL elections may be viewed at [www.nacdl.org/Elections](http://www.nacdl.org/Elections), and a copy of those rules may be obtained by contacting **Viviana Sejas** at [viviana@nacdl.org](mailto:viviana@nacdl.org).

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5, "Any member qualified to vote may be nominated as a candidate for any Officer or Director position. A member may be nominated by one of three means:

- a) By the Nominating Committee, as set forth in Section 1 of this Article;
- b) Any Member of the Association qualified to vote may nominate by petition any other Member qualified to hold office; or
- c) Any Member qualified to vote may nominate by petition himself or herself."

## The Nomination Process

The NACDL Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for the 2008 - 2009 election for all officer positions (except President, which office is automatically filled by the President-Elect) and nine Board of Director positions.

The Nominating Committee seeks candidates with leadership potential who have demonstrated commitment to the association and the profession. Within that framework, the Nominating Committee will attempt to attain geographical, professional, minority, and gender diversity. Financial assistance is available to those officers and directors who cannot afford the cost of transportation and lodging for Board meetings.

To be considered for nomination by the Nominating

Committee, each candidate must provide the committee with a submission, by **April 11, 2008**, which, in addition to a resume, shall include a statement of service to NACDL (including meetings attended, member recruitment efforts, and committee work) and to the legal profession (including work on behalf of criminal justice issues and for other professional associations), a description of the member's practice (including areas of concentration and percentage of time devoted to criminal defense and *pro bono* work), and a designation of the position(s) for which the member would like to be considered and why.

The Nominating Committee must report its nominations to the Executive Director by May 4, 2008. The Nominating Committee will notify the membership of its proposed nominees by May 9, 2008, via posting on the NACDL Web site and subsequently in *The Champion*.

## The Petition Process

Alternatively, candidates may seek nomination via petition pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 5 and 6. Petitions are available on the NACDL Web site. They will also be available at all NACDL Meetings and seminars commencing in February, or by contacting **Viviana Sejas** at [viviana@nacdl.org](mailto:viviana@nacdl.org). Petitioners are advised to comply with the requirements of Article VIII, Section 6 in order to insure the submission of an adequate number of valid signatories. Petitions may be submitted before or after the nomination process has concluded. *The deadline to submit a petition is May 16, 2008.*

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 (b), if no petitions are received, the Nominating Committee slate of candidates will be declared elected by acclamation at the Annual Membership Meeting in Milwaukee.

In the event of a contested election for any position, ballots will be distributed as a wrap with the June issue of *The Champion*. Only members whose dues are current receive *The Champion* and the ballot wrap. Please direct questions concerning any aspect of NACDL election procedure to Viviana Sejas at [viviana@nacdl.org](mailto:viviana@nacdl.org) or (202) 872-8600 ext. 232.



***The deadline for submissions of candidacy to the Nominating Committee is 5:00 PM, EDT on April 11, 2008. Candidates should send their submissions to:***

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