

Nominations Sought for PBA Leadership Positions in 2011-12

The PBA Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet on Nov. 18, 2010, to make nominations for the 2011-12 PBA leadership positions of vice president, chair of the House of Delegates, secretary and treasurer.

The secretary and treasurer may serve three one-year terms. The House of Delegates chair serves one two-year term. Penina Kessler Lieber, the current secretary, is serving her first one-year term and is eligible for re-nomination. Francis X. O'Connor, the current treasurer, is serving his third one-year term and is ineligible for re-nomination. Dana Baiocco, the current House chair, is serving in the second year of her term and is ineligible for re-nomination.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume by Oct. 18 to Clifford E. Haines, Chair, PBA Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 186, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108-0186.

See the information below on nominating procedures, as listed in the PBA Bylaws. To learn more about the responsibilities of the various offices, see Sections 511 through 515 of the [Bylaws](#). Please note, however, that PBA officer responsibilities go beyond those listed in the Bylaws. Contact Sandra Graver, PBA governance manager, at 1-800-932-0311, Ext. 2221, for additional details about those responsibilities.

Bylaws Rule 351. Nominations and Elections of Officers.

(a) Nominations for the General Officers of the Association made by the Nominating Committee or by petition pursuant to the Bylaws, shall be certified to the House by the Secretary.

(b) In elections by the House, each office to be filled shall be voted for separately. When there is more than one nomination, voting for the General Officers of the Association shall be by written ballot. In the event there is more than one candidate for any office, the presiding officer shall appoint five Delegates in the House to act as tellers who shall have charge of the preparation, distribution, collection and counting of the ballots.

(c) Balloting for an office shall proceed until one candidate shall have received a majority of all votes cast.

Bylaws Section 914. Nominating Committee.

(a) The General Officers of the Association shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee consisting of the following members:

(1) the Zone Governors; the Unit County Governor; the Minority Governor; the Woman Governor; the five living immediate Past Presidents; the living immediate Past Chair of the Young Lawyers' Division;

(2) a member of the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee selected by the Executive Committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders immediately following its annual meeting;

(3) a representative from each of three Sections of the Association selected by a plurality of the chairs (or the chairs' duly appointed representatives) of the Sections, present and voting at a meeting of the chairs held at least three months prior to the meeting of the Nominating Committee;

(4) a representative from each of two Committees of the Association selected by a plurality of the chairs (or the chairs' duly appointed representatives) of the Committees present

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(5) a representative selected by the Executive Council of the Commission on Women in the Profession Committee, immediately following its annual meeting; and

(6) a representative selected by the Executive Council of the Minority Bar Committee, immediately following its meeting held during the Spring Committee/Section Day Meeting.

The living Past President who has last retired from office shall be chair of the Committee. For this purpose the Committee shall meet not later than five months before the beginning of each Annual Meeting and shall make and immediately announce a nomination for each of the offices of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at the next Annual Meeting. For elections to be held in odd-numbered years they shall nominate a Chair of the House of Delegates

(b) Not less than ten days written notice of any meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Committee. No Zone Governor, Unit County Governor or Governor serving pursuant to Section 907 may be nominated for election as a General Officer by the Committee, or by petition, during the period for which such Governor was elected or appointed.

(c) Additional nominations for General Officers may be made by petition signed by 100 Active Members, no more than 50 of whom may be by Active Members accredited to the same Zone.

(d) All such petitions shall be filed with the Secretary at Association Headquarters not later than two months prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting and shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee.

Bylaws Section 921. Nomination Procedures Exclusive. -- If nominations for office have been called for as provided in this article only candidates who have been nominated in accordance therewith shall be eligible for election.