

LIAISON MEMORANDUM NUMBER 09-01

To: Agency Liaison Officers
From: Cindy Rougeou
Executive Director
Re: LASERS Board of Trustees Election 2009
Date: January 28, 2009

Welcome to 2009 and an opportunity to again select members of the LASERS Board of Trustees. This memo serves as a “heads up” for all our member agencies as nominations will not officially open until March 1st.

This year will be busy with three active employee representatives and one retiree representative positions on the ballot. Terms will begin with the January 2010 Board meeting.

We would like to encourage all our members, especially potential candidates, to be aware of this important process that will contribute to a successful election. Key dates are listed below.

As you will see on the schedule, candidate packets and a list of election events will be available on the LASERS website beginning in March. A list of active and retiree candidate qualifications is also included.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you on this important event.

March 1, 2009	Nominations open; nominating petitions at www.lasersonline.org
July 14, 2009	Nominating petitions, platforms, and photos due
September 25, 2009	Candidate information sent to members and voting begins
October 23, 2009	Voting ends
October 28, 2009	Votes counted
November 20, 2009	Election results certified

Board of Trustees:	Lorry S. Trotter, Chair	Cynthia Bridges	Virginia Burton	Cindy Rougeou, Executive Director
	Connie Carlton	Charles Castille	Sen. D.A. “Butch” Gautreaux	
	John Kennedy	Barbara McCann	Louis S. Quinn	
	Sheryl M. Ranatza	Rep. Joel C. Robideaux	Judge Trudy M. White	

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Qualifications:

Active:

- An active member candidate must have at least 10 years credited service with LASERS (excluding military service credit) by the closing date for nominations July 14, 2009.
- Each active candidate must submit a nominating petition bearing the names and signatures of 25 active LASERS members. Each signature must be accompanied by the last four digits of the signatory's Social Security number.
- Each petition should be accompanied by the candidate's photo, qualifications and platform.

Retiree:

- A retired candidate for a position as a trustee must be retired by the closing date for nominations, July 14, 2009. The term "retired member" shall not include any person still employed by the state, including retired status under the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). A LASERS retiree who is re-employed by the state pursuant to La. R.S. 11:416 (1) and (3) is still considered a "retired member."
- Each retired candidate must submit a nominating petition bearing the names and signatures of 25 retired members of LASERS. Each signature must be accompanied by the last four digits of the signatory's Social Security number.
- Each petition should be accompanied by the candidate's photo, qualifications and platform.