

New Plan for Annual Election

[Association Progress]

A new method of distributing ballots for the annual election of board members of the University of Oklahoma Association was approved at a board meeting March 12.

For reasons of economy, and also in order to encourage the widest possible participation in the election of board members, it was decided that the official ballot would be printed in *Sooner Magazine*, to reach all members of the Association, and also be printed in the April issue of the Quarterly Alumni Bulletin which goes to all alumni regardless of whether they are Association members.

In this way, an official ballot will be offered to all graduates, including those not members of the Association. The non-members, if they desire to use the ballots they receive, can send in a membership check along with a ballot and thereby become entitled to vote.

Charles B. Memminger, Association president, explained that this would emphasize the democratic way in which the Alumni Association is governed and give every alumnus a convenient opportunity for participating in the annual election if he so desires.

As provided by the constitution, five new board members will be elected this Spring, three representing various districts of the State and two of them members-at-large.

President Memminger appointed a 15-member nominating committee, chosen to represent various age groups, professions and geographical districts. Those appointed on the nominating committee were Hicks Epton, Wewoka, chairman; Harry Simmons, Wewoka, Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore; Grady Harris, Alex; Roy Grantham, Ponca City; Neil Johnson, Norman; Luther White, Tulsa; Fred Tarman, Norman; Clyde Bogle, Norman; Joe Fred Gibson, Oklahoma City; Hiram Impson, McAlester; Camp Bond, Muskogee; L. W. Kitchens, Cheyenne; Paul Pearson, Altus; Herbert Oakes, Oklahoma City.

The committee met Sunday, March 19, and after considering a long list of possibilities, made the following nominations to be placed on the official ballot:

For Third District representative on the board (one to be elected)—Crawford W. Cameron, '13law, attorney, Marietta; Elbert L. Costner, '29, '34ma, superintendent of schools, Panama; O. Fisher

Muldrow, '22ex, assistant division manager for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, Ardmore.

For Sixth District representative on the board (one to be elected)—Grady D. Harris, '18ex, banker, Alex; Dr. John B. Miles, '26, '27med, physician, Anadarko; Robert W. (Buck) Stinson, '15, district director of WPA, Chickasha.

For Eighth District representative on the board (one to be elected)—Carl S. Ford, '19, geologist, Enid; Roy E. Grant-ham, '34ba, '34law, public speaking teacher, Ponca City; M. Eleanor Tracy, '29, teacher, Beaver.

For member-at-large of the board (two to be elected)—Dr. Ned H. Burlson, '26, '29, '31med, physician, Prague; Ralph F. (Cy) Ellinger, Jr., '26, banker, Purcell; Elmer L. Fraker, '20, '38ma, high school principal, Chickasha; Mrs. Boyd L. Gilkey (Jessie Lone Clarkson, '27fa), homemaker, Chickasha; J. Bruce Wiley, '35 eng, electrical engineer, Norman; Herbert E. Wrinkle, '23, '31ms, superintendent of schools, Bartlesville.

Hours of study were devoted to the problem of selecting nominees who would (1) be alumni who had definitely demonstrated an active interest in the Alumni Association and the welfare of the University; (2) represent as many as possible of the different age levels among the alumni; (3) represent a good variety of occupational and professional fields; and (4) provide a good representation of the various geographical divisions of the State.

All the nominees are either annual or Life members of the Association.

The Executive Board members whose terms expire this Spring are: William L. Eagleton, Tulsa, and Mrs. Florence Monnet McKown, Oklahoma City, both members-at-large; Freeman Galt, now of Oklahoma City but formerly of Ardmore, Third District; H. Merle Woods, El Reno, Sixth District. There is a vacancy to be filled in the Eighth District where Charles Duffy, of Ponca City, resigned. The term for which Mr. Duffy was elected expires this Spring.

Board members are elected for three-year terms and are not eligible to succeed themselves.

The election will close May 15. Ballots must be mailed not later than May 15, and any received with postmarks later than that date will not be considered by the election committee.

Class reunions

The Executive Board of the Association in its meeting March 12 voted its approval of a new class reunion schedule to be tried out this Spring.

Committees are being set up to sponsor reunions for the classes of 1934, 1929, 1924, 1919 and the Silver Anniversary Class, 1914.

In the past few years, only the twenty, twenty-five and thirty year classes held reunions. This year, younger graduates also will be invited to come back to the campus on Commencement weekend for reunions.

Actually, the Alumni Office has no desire to dictate which classes shall have reunions and which shall not. Any class desiring to meet in any year it pleases can secure the co-operation of the Alumni Office.

However, as a matter of practical necessity, the Alumni Office has had to carry most of the burden of organization and correspondence for class reunions and it has become necessary to follow some orderly schedule.

The plan as now approved by the Executive Board calls for five class reunions each year: the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year classes. Graduates of farther back than 25 years may have a separate meeting of their own. When the University is old enough to have fifty-year graduates, some kind of half-century club doubtless will be organized for such old-timers.

Life members

In ranking the classes on their Life Membership score in the past, it has been customary to credit only the husband's class even though his wife is a Sooner alumnus and therefore is officially a Life Member of the Association. The thought behind this was that although both of them become Life Members, they pay for only a single Life Membership.

However, some of the wives have raised the point that the money for Life Memberships comes out of the joint household treasury and that therefore each wife is entitled to be listed with her class as a Life Member, as much as the husband is entitled to be listed with his.

The point appears to be well taken. A new ranking of the class standing is in preparation, with each woman Life Member credited to her class and in the May issue of *Sooner Magazine* we shall see what happens.