

Petition Process for STC Election

The preliminary slate of candidates for Society office for 2008 was released in November. As described in Article VIII, Section 2D of the *STC Bylaws*, additional candidates may be nominated by petition for the following offices: Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, and Nominating Committee member. (Please note that candidates may *not* be nominated by petition for the offices of President and First Vice President.)

All candidates must be senior members of the Society by the time the Board of Directors is inducted at the STC annual business meeting in June 2008, during STC's 55th Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Petitions must be signed by 400 voting members. The full name and address of each member must appear next to the member's signature.

For a candidate to be nominated by petition, the STC office must receive the following forms by 4 PM Eastern Time on **January 16, 2008**:

- Candidate's signed statement of availability
- Petition containing 400 signatures as described above
- Candidate's biographical information and statements, including answers to the required questions
- Candidate's portrait photo

Copies of the statement of availability, instructions for filling out the required forms, and other materials regarding the election are available from the Society office. [i](#)

STC's 2008 Election Preliminary Slate of Candidates for Society Office

Office	Candidate
Second Vice President*	Michael A. Hughes Lawrence D. Kunz
Secretary	Sharon K. Garrity Char James-Tanny
Directors (<i>Four to be elected, each for a three-year term.</i>)	Suzanne E. Guess Rob B. Hanna Hillary Hart Judith M. Herr Linda S. King Rich Maggiani Lisa R. Pappas Garrett H. Romaine
Nominating Committee (<i>Two to be elected, each for a two-year term.</i>)**	Dia H. Burroughs Carolyn Kelley Klinger Carolyn Luttrell Thea Teich

* The *STC Bylaws* specify that the Second Vice President automatically becomes First Vice President the following year and President the year after that. Thus, Second Vice President is the highest office to which a member is routinely elected.

** Members of this year's nominating committee are Suzanna Laurent (manager), Mustang, Oklahoma; Jackie Damrau, Dallas, Texas; Rachel Houghton, Hillsboro, Oregon; Constance L. Kiernan, Bowie, Maryland; and Betsy M. Maaks, Naperville, Illinois. [i](#)

Procedures for STC's 2008 Election

The annual STC election will be held in March and April 2008, and only members who have paid their dues by February 28, 2008, will be eligible to vote. An option on the dues renewal forms and new membership applications for 2008 allows members to receive their ballots via e-mail. In March, members who selected this option will be e-mailed voting instructions. Members who did not select this option will receive their ballots by first-class mail.

Be sure to renew your membership by February 28 to have a say in STC's future! [i](#)