

REGULATIONS  
FOR THE  
ELECTION  
OF  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES  
BY THE ALUMNI

(As adopted by the Alumni Association on November 8, 1969, and amended March 3, 1979, March 1, 1980, April 16, 1988, June 6, 1992, October 23, 1998, March 6, 1999, March 6, 2004, October 2, 2004, September 24, 2005, and February 28, 2009.)

*Section I*

ELIGIBILITY

All graduates of the First degree, and all persons who have been admitted to a degree higher than the First, whether honorary or in course, shall be entitled to vote in election as such. In addition thereto, each man or woman who has attended Wesleyan University as a member of an undergraduate class for one full term shall, during the senior year of his or her class and after the graduation of his or her class, be eligible to vote in the election of Alumni-Elected Trustees, and shall be eligible to election as an Alumni-Elected Trustee. The Board of Trustees at any meeting may, by a majority vote on an individual, or by general resolution, award the privilege to any other man or woman who has attended Wesleyan University less than one full term to vote in the election of Alumni-Elected Trustees and to be eligible as an Alumni-Elected Trustee.

The words "alumnus" and "alumni" as hereinafter used are limited to, but shall be deemed to include, all persons so entitled to vote in or be elected at the election of Alumni-Elected Trustees.

*Section II*

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

There shall be a Committee on Nominations, consisting of nine members (one of whom shall be its Chairperson), whose duty it shall be, among other duties, to canvass the alumni and select a slate of candidates for Alumni-Elected Trustees. The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association shall have the authority to elect more than nine members to the Committee on Nominations if additional representation is deemed advisable during a given year. No member of the Committee on Nominations shall serve for more than three consecutive years except a sitting member who is invited to assume the position of chairperson for a period of time beyond his/her initial appointment to a three-year term. Members' terms of office shall be staggered so that three members are selected at or prior to the fall meeting of the Alumni Association Executive Committee in each year for terms of three years. Initially, in order to attain staggered terms, three of the nine members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected for three years, three for terms of two years, and three for terms of one year. All members of the Committee on Nominations, including its Chairperson, shall be selected by the Chair of the Alumni Association with advice from the Alumni Association Executive Committee. The Chair of the Alumni Association shall also have the authority to fill any vacancy on the Committee on Nominations for its unexpired term.

Annually, the secretary of the Alumni Association shall announce to the alumni the personnel of the Committee on Nominations and request suggestions for nominations for Alumni-Elected Trustees. Methods that may be employed include an advertisement in the *Wesleyan* magazine, online information, a notice on the back of the ballot, bulk email, etc.

The Committee on Nominations, in selecting candidates, shall strive for occupational, geographic and age diversity within the two categories and shall consider ability, character, reputation, record of achievement, activities while an undergraduate and continued support of and involvement in Wesleyan University and its affairs after graduation.

To permit as many alumni as possible to serve the University in this high office, no Alumni-Elected Trustee shall be eligible for re-election by the alumni.

### *Section III*

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Nominations shall report the slate of candidates, which shall consist of no more than two times as many nominees as there shall be vacancies in Alumni Trusteeships to be filled at the next election, to the Alumni Association Executive Committee.

The nominees shall be listed in two categories: one of alumni whose classes are twenty-one or more years past graduation; the other of alumni whose classes are twenty or fewer years past graduation. Both slates shall have an equal number of nominees. The said lists shall not contain the name of any alumnus who shall not have consented in writing to be a candidate for such office.

### *Section IV*

## INDEPENDENT NOMINATIONS

Independent nominations may be made as follows: Any alumnus who presents to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, on or before December 1, written documentation of 1% of the alumni body shall, in the event that he shall have consented in writing to the Secretary of the Alumni Association to be a candidate for an Alumni Trusteeship, be considered nominated as a candidate for such office. Not more than 30 percent of the alumni required for an independent nomination shall be from the same class. The signatures of the necessary number of alumni shall be obtained during the academic year in which the election takes place and shall be set forth on official petition forms prepared and distributed by the Secretary of the Alumni Association. The official petition forms for each year and the number of signatures required that year, shall be available from the Secretary of the Alumni Association commencing July 1 of said academic year. An alumnus may endorse as many candidates as there are vacancies to fill.

### *Section V*

## ELECTION PROCEDURE

On or before March 1, the Secretary of the Alumni Association shall send to all alumni a notice which shall contain the names of all candidates, with their respective class numerals, listed alphabetically within the two age categories without regard to whether nominated by the Alumni Association or by petition with only a notation either alongside each candidates name or as part of his or her biographical data as to how he or she was nominated. The notice shall contain a printed

ballot for voting in the election, set of instructions for voting, a return envelope, and such other material as may be deemed advisable. The data with respect to candidates nominated shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Alumni Association and may include biographical information and personal statements. All information from the notice shall also be available on the Wesleyan Web site, and alumni may vote online.

#### *Section VI*

### BALLOTS

The ballot shall contain a list of all candidates, with their respective class numerals, whether nominated by the Alumni Association or by independent nomination, arranged alphabetically within the two age categories

There shall be no voting by proxy in any form.

A ballot to be valid and counted must carry not more votes than for the full number of vacancies. (This means that one may vote for less than the full number of vacancies to be filled but not for more.)

The name and/or the WesID of the alumnus casting a ballot shall accompany his/her vote.

The balloting for election will close at 5:00 p.m. on the Sunday of Reunion & Commencement weekend, and notice of the election shall so specify.

#### *Section VII*

### BOARD OF CANVASSERS

All ballots shall be canvassed by a board consisting of the Secretary of the Alumni Association, as Chairperson, and at least five other members including two alumni not members of the Alumni Association Executive Committee.

The board of canvassers shall canvass the vote after the polls are closed and shall report its finding to the Chair of the Board of Trustees not later than ten business days after the polls are closed.

The progress of the vote shall be kept secret until the voting is completed.

The candidate in each category having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to fill one of the two terms beginning on the next July 1. The candidate in either category having the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected to fill the third term beginning on the next July 1.

All ballots shall be preserved for one year from the date of the election.

#### *Section VIII*

## INTERIM ELECTIONS

Interim elections to accommodate changes requested by the Board of Trustees shall be conducted on an ad hoc basis in accordance with a plan approved by the Wesleyan Alumni Association Executive Committee.

### *Section IX*

#### TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office of an Alumni-Elected Trustee shall be for three (3) years, commencing with the first day of July next succeeding the election. An alumnus elected to fill an unexpired term shall take office immediately.

In case an Alumni-Elected Trustee vacancy shall occur at any time, the alumnus who at the last election for Alumni-Elected Trustee had the highest number of votes among those not elected shall be declared elected to fill the unexpired term. In case more than one such vacancy shall occur, the alumnus who at the last election had the second highest number of votes among those not elected shall be declared elected to fill the unexpired term, and so on until all vacancies are filled. In case more than one such vacancy shall exist at the same time, the alumnus who at the last election had the highest number of votes among those not elected shall be declared elected to fill the term having the longest time to run. The alumnus with the next largest number of votes among those not elected shall be declared elected to fill the next longest term and so on until all vacancies are filled. If two or more candidates shall have the same number of votes, the board of canvassers shall determine by lot which shall take precedence.

If an Alumni-Elected Trustee fails to attend 50 percent or more of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees in any year, the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association shall ascertain the reason for such absences, including thorough consultation with the Alumni-Elected Trustee concerned; and, if after full and impartial consideration of the circumstances involved, it is the best judgment of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association that such action is warranted, the Executive Committee may request the resignation of such Alumni-Elected Trustee and, if the resignation is not tendered, may declare his or her office vacant.

### *Section X*

#### ADDRESSES

The Secretary of the Alumni Association shall maintain a list of the alumni and their addresses so far as known. Notices mailed in accordance with such a list shall be deemed to be properly mailed.

No candidate for Alumni-Elected Trustee, whether nominated by the Alumni Association or as an independent by petition, shall have access to the list of alumni and their addresses.