

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY
NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE IN
THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY

As required by the Constitution of the American Oriental Society, By-Law XVI (amended 1986), the Secretary hereby announces those elective offices of the Society that will become vacant at the end of the membership year, 2007–2008, and invites members in good standing to submit the names of potential candidates for consideration by the Nominating Committee directly to the **Chair of the Nominating Committee, STEVEN J. GARFINKLE (2008, Chair), History Department, Western Washington University, 516 High Street, MS 9061, Bellingham, WA 98225-9061.**

Please confirm that the individuals whose names you wish to submit are current members of the AOS. If you have questions regarding the membership status of potential candidates, consult the AOS Membership Directory which is accessible on the web site <<http://www.umich.edu/~aos>>. Please submit your suggestions to the Chair by October 15, 2007, in time for the Nominating Committee to compose the ballot of candidates for office by December 2007. You may use this announcement form to submit the names you wish to be considered.

The Nominating Committee will nominate One candidate for Vice-President—this year according to tradition the Vice-President will come from the South and Southeast Asia or Inner Asia Section—and Two candidates each for two Section Chair vacancies (three-year term), East Asia and Islamic Near East. Section Chairs are eligible for immediate re-election.

Please submit the names of potential candidates directly to the Chair at the address cited above. Do NOT send this form to the AOS Office.

The open positions are:

1. Vice-President (to succeed Jerrold Cooper, who becomes President)

2. Section Chair, East Asia (to succeed incumbent: Robert Joe Cutter)

2. Section Chair, Islamic Near East (to succeed incumbent: Shawkat Toorawa)

(Signed)

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For your information, the names and addresses of the Members of the Nominating Committee as currently constituted are:

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