

December 8, 2006

Members of the Auburn Family:

We now have the opportunity to select the next member of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, a decision important to the State and every friend of Alabama's preeminent land grant institution.

The Board of Trustees District 5 position previously occupied by Mr. Charles Ball is now vacant. This District includes Chambers, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, Randolph and Tallapoosa Counties.

Although there are few technical requirements to serve on the Board, as described below, the Trustee Selection Committee is looking for leaders who are forward-looking, service-oriented and dedicated to furthering Auburn's instruction, research and extension mission. These are exciting times on the Plains. The demand for an Auburn education is at an all-time high, student test scores are surging, and Auburn continues to be recognized as one of the best public universities in the nation. Selecting Trustees who will help ensure Auburn's continued success and achievement is vital.

The process begins with a five-member Trustee Selection Committee, consisting of two members from the Board of Trustees, two members from the Auburn University Alumni Board and the Governor or his designee. This committee will nominate individuals for the open seat to the board. The Senate must still confirm the individuals nominated.

The members of the selection committee are:

Governor Bob Riley	
Nancy Fortner	Alumni Board
Dent Williams	Alumni Board
Earlon McWhorter	President Pro Tempore, Board of Trustees
Paul Spina	Vice President Pro Tempore, Board of Trustees

Our goal is to select the very best and most capable individuals for the open board seat. We will continue to have an open and inclusive process involving all Auburn constituencies. Further, the full board, including our nominees, should reflect the racial, gender and economic diversity of the state.

In order to cast the widest net possible for potential trustee candidates, we are sending this letter to as many organizations as we can identify and will also post the call for nominations on web sites. We are asking the heads of various organizations to handle the specific details of communications with, and solicitation of its members for nominees.

The only requirements to serve on the Board as specified by law:

- *Must be a resident of the continental United States
- *Must be a resident of the Board of Trustees District 5 (as defined above)
- *Must be less than 70 years of age when appointed
- *Cannot be an employee of Auburn University
- *Cannot be a member of the Selection Committee

The committee will begin the process of interviews and finalize a selection as soon as possible following the submission due date. Please submit nominations and relevant information by January 26, 2007 (the Committee may accept nominations up until the interview dates) to the following address:

Auburn University Trustee Selection Committee
Attention: Grant Davis
105 Samford Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849

Choosing trustees to provide oversight for our University is essential to the future of Auburn University. We cannot accomplish our mission without your assistance in nominating qualified persons to this trustee position. Thank you in advance for your assistance in moving Auburn University forward.

Sincerely,

Bob Riley

Governor

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