
Dear HRAAA Member:

I want to give you some good news about the petition drive. But first, I need you to look at the mailing label on the envelope. If the 'renewal date' is blank or has already passed, you need to renew your membership now. (To the one or two of you for whom the label is inaccurate, please accept my apologies and notify me.) Please copy your membership number onto the coupon on the back of this letter. Then read on.

Welcome back to the letter, and now for the good news. With the support of our loyal members, we have turned in nearly 600 signatures to Harvard -- that's twice the number we needed to get on the ballot! Naturally, we always need a "cushion" to guard against unverifiable (and occasionally illegible) signatures, but this was more than pleasing. It also demonstrates graphically that Harvard alumni and alumnae are enthusiastic about our cause.

This is a particularly good time to raise the issue of Harvard's long-term response to diversity on campus and responsibility in the wider world, because in the short-term, things are actually getting better. After years of inaction, Harvard has just appointed a dynamic new chair of the Afro-American Studies Department. And on the foreign front, South Africa has begun the long job of dismantling apartheid. Although that is good news, there is no denying that (just as in this country) a society that has constructed economic and social walls for generations will remain tightly segregated without much more effort. But the rapid pace of change abroad shows that a university that fails to change its own policies, even after years of study in committee, needs to improve the process of its own moral decisionmaking. With a new president, there may be some hope for change, but only if the alumni and the Overseers are there to help it along.

Our first step in this program is to elect our candidates. As you may know, Nadine Strossen was elected the first woman president of the ACLU in late January. The publicity surrounding her election will surely help all our candidates. (I am told that Forrester Church was on Nightline last week as well.) In order to win, however, we need to get out the vote by mailing campaign information to more than 55,000 Harvard University graduates (with the new postal rates, even a modest mailing costs a bundle). HRAAA doesn't have an endowment -- it just has your contributions. Even if you have contributed recently, please give again if you can. There is a donation coupon on the reverse side of this letter.

Finally, please turn this letter over. We need to begin receiving nominations for the Executive Committee. The reverse side contains important information about this procedure. Most of our committee members are self-nominated, so don't hesitate to send in the form if you are willing to do the work.

Very truly yours,

Donald M. Solomon
Executive Director

Executive Committee

Judith Kauffman Baker '70
Dorchester, MA

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Washington, DC

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1991-93 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It is time to choose a new Executive Committee for HRAAA. In order to plan for the 1991-92 campaign, we are asking for (self-)nominations now, so that the new Executive Committee will be in place right after Labor Day. If you are nominating someone else, please ascertain their willingness to serve and to work. Then:

- Fill out and send in the nomination form and the coupon at the bottom of this page.
- Send along a brief vita or resume, with a brief statement for inclusion on the HRAAA ballot.

From this election forward, we want members to serve for two-year terms to ensure continuity. Beginning in 1992, the terms will be staggered so that only half the committee are elected each year. After elections are over, in order to accomplish this, the winners will be assigned either to a two-year term or to a one-year term. The expectation is that the one-year members will stand for reelection next year.

We need an Executive Committee willing to spend many hours working on HRAAA matters. Therefore, on the self-nomination form, you are required to indicate which major tasks you are willing to take on in the coming year(s).

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HRAAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SELF-NOMINATION FORM

I would like to be a candidate for the HRAAA Executive Committee. A brief vita or resume is enclosed. As a member of the Committee, I would be willing to make a major commitment of time and energy to the following tasks:

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My Harvard and/or Radcliffe degrees and years are: ____________________________

PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO HRAAA BY MARCH 22, 1991. ALSO RETURN THE FORM BELOW FOR ALL DONATIONS AND CHANGES OF INFORMATION.

Member No. __________________________ Amount Enclosed: $10.00 low income $25.00 $50.00 $75.00 $100.00 Other: ________

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Name __________________________ H-R Class(es) ____________

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Please check this box _____ if you do not want us to share your name with other like-minded organizations to build up our own mailing list.

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