

**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, 2008–2009, 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, JAMES L. FITZGERALD (2009, Chair), Department of Classics, Brown University, MacFarlane House, 48 College St., Providence, RI 02912.**

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, 2008, in time for the Nominating Committee to compose the ballot of candidates for office by December 2008. 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 the traditional cycle the Vice-President will come from the East Asia or Inner Asia Section—Two candidates each for three Section Chair vacancies (three-year term), Ancient Near East, Inner Asia, and South and Southeast Asia; and Two candidates each for two Director-at-Large vacancies (three-year term). Section Chairs are eligible for immediate re-election. Directors-at-Large are not 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 Stephanie Jamison, who becomes President)

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2. Section Chair, Ancient Near East (to succeed incumbent: Gonzalo Rubio)

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2. Section Chair, Inner Asia (to succeed incumbent: Devin DeWeese)

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3. Section Chair, South and Southeast Asia (to succeed incumbent: Jason Neelis)

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4. Director-at-Large, Ancient Near East (to succeed incumbent: Harry A. Hoffner)

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5. Director-at-Large, East Asia (to succeed incumbent: David Prager Branner)

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*(Signed)*

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

1. **JAMES L. FITZGERALD** (Chair, 2009), Department of Classics, Brown University, MacFarlane House, 48 College St., Providence, RI 02912 (James\_Fitzgerald@brown.edu)
2. **WADAD KADI**, (2010) The Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, 1155 East 58th St., Chicago IL 60637 (w-kadi@uchicago.edu)
3. **ANNA SHIELDS** (2009), East Asian Studies Department, 211 Jones Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544 (ashields@Princeton.EDU)
4. **CHRISTIAN WEDEMEYER** (2010), The University of Chicago Divinity School 1025 East 58th St., Chicago IL 60637 (wedemeyer@uchicago.edu)
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