



Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB) Election 2010 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the timeline for the 2010 elections?

In **January 2010** an email will be sent to all alumni with valid email addresses announcing the kick-off of the elections with a call for nominations. The winter 2010 issue of *MainGate* will contain a notice to all other alumni to update their email address or they will not be able to participate in the 2010 election. **Nominations will be due by March 1st 2010.** The Nominating Committee will finalize a slate by April 1st 2010. **Elections will be held in May-June 2010. Results will be announced July 1st 2010.**

2. How will the elections take place?

The Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for the Alumni Council, the Board of Directors and for alumni Trustees by March 15, 2010. E-voting will be facilitated for alumni with valid email addresses. An external independent agency will count and oversee the e-voting.

3. Who is on the Nominating Committee?

The current members of the Nominating Committee are made up of representatives of the two WAAAUB governing bodies. This is a permanent Standing Committee of the WAAAUB leadership as mandated by the WAAAUB Bylaws. The members are:

Nominating Committee Members

Mr. Abdul Hamid Bibi –Chair (Jordan)

Mr. Mouheiddin Doughan (Lebanon)

Dr. Nasri Kwar- (North America)

Mr. Yasser Mhanna (Lebanon)

Ms. Maha Zabaneh (North America)

Nominating Committee Email: nominations-committee@waaaub.org

4. How will candidates be selected?

The Nominating Committee has asked all chapter presidents and other alumni leaders to suggest candidates. You too can nominate someone and alumni can nominate themselves. The committee is looking for candidates who have volunteer experience; have demonstrated a commitment to AUB in the past through their involvement with the University; who have strong ties to the AUB alumni community and to the University and who understand the mission and objectives of the WAAAUB and its leadership bodies. It is also looking for candidates who can represent AUB's very diverse alumni.

5. When will the elections take place?

The elections will take place between May 15, 2010 and June 15, 2010

6. When and how will the results be announced?

The results will be announced on July 1, 2010 via e-mail and in *MainGate*, AUB's alumni magazine, and on the WAAAUB web site.

7. Who is eligible for membership of the WAAAUB?

Any AUB graduate (an individual holding an AUB degree) or AUB former student (an individual who spent at least one year at AUB but left without obtaining an AUB degree). Also, honorary degree holders and "honorary alumni" as deemed by the University are members of the WAAAUB.

8. Who manages the worldwide alumni association?

There are two bodies: an Alumni Council and a Board of Directors. Within the Board of Directors and outside its regular meetings the business of WAAAUB is overseen by the Executive Committee.

9. What is the role of the Board of Directors and how will its members be chosen?

The 15-member Board of Directors manages the WAAAUB. It includes at least one representative from each of the following six regions: North America; Middle East (not including Lebanon) and North Africa (MENA); Lebanon; Europe; Asia; and Africa, Latin America, Australia, and other Pacific island nations not included in the Asia region. The Committee for Nominations will nominate candidates for the Board of Directors who will be voted on by the members of the Association.

10. What is the role of the Alumni Council and how will its members be chosen?

The Alumni Council represents the interests of AUB alumni. It recommends policies to the WAAAUB Board of Directors and will work closely with the Board of Directors particularly on issues related to planning, strategy, and training. Current sitting presidents of the alumni chapters are automatically members of the Alumni Council. In addition to the presidents of all approved alumni chapters, the Alumni Council includes at-large members who represent the six different regions [as above] and three "recent graduates" (defined as someone who has graduated or ceased to be an AUB student within the last five years). The Committee for Nominations will nominate candidates for the positions on the Alumni Council that are not filled by chapter presidents, who will be voted on and elected by the members of the Association.

11. What happened to the alumni groups that existed when the WAAAUB was established?

The existing chapters and branches were incorporated into the WAAAUB structure. Current sitting presidents of the existing alumni chapters are automatically members of the WAAAUB Alumni Council.

12. Is the WAAAUB independent of the University?

The WAAAUB is a partner of the University and it has its own governance and administrative structure.

13. How can I get involved in the WAAAUB?

We would welcome any time and support you can share. You can email us on: nominations-committee@waaaub.org with your questions if you'd like to learn more about WAAAUB and its activities check our website <http://www.waaaub.org/>

We also encourage you to become involved with your local chapter or branch.

14. How can I participate in the election?

All AUB alumni who have a valid e-mail will be eligible to vote. Alumni who don't have valid email in the alumni database will not be receiving the electronic ballot.

To be able to participate in the election make sure to register on the AUB Alumni On-Line Community at <http://www.alumniconnections.com/aub/> where you can check and update your email address. You can also send it to us at: alumni@aub.edu.lb
Encourage your family and friends to do so too.
Don't hesitate to contact us for any assistance you may need in the registration process.

15. Who are the current WAAAUB Members whose term of service will end in 2010?

WAAAUB Members completing terms of office to Sept. 30, 2010:

Alumni Trustee Members (2)

Young Trustee Candidate: Abdul Salam Haykal

Trustee Candidate: Raja Trad

WAAAUB Board of Directors (8)

Abdul Hamid Bibi, MENA

Saadiah Chisti, Asia

Nabil Dajani, Lebanon

Karam Doumet, Rest of the world

Talal Farah, Europe

Genane Maalouf, North America

Zahi Masri, MENA

Ioannis Violaris, Europe

WA AAUB Alumni Council (35)

Asia (1)

Youseff Dagher

Europe (1)

Hisham El Solh

Lebanon (18)

Faisal Alami

Mohammad El Ansari

Rima Al Kadi

Rafi Atamian

Hala Badreddine

Haifa Cortbawi, Dania

Dbaiibo Darwish

Arabelle El-Barbir

Jad El Hajj

Nader El Nakib

Mazen El Refai

Rabih Fakhreddine,

Ramez Haddad

Raja Faris Hajjar

Sophie Hallal

Nasri Kawar

Lamia Osseiran

Fouad Tarazi

George Riachy

MENA (7)

Amer Bibi
Mazen Dajani
Haifa Dia (Al Attiah)
Marwan Hayek
Diala Jawhary
Fawzi Melhem
Mona Fleihan Miqdadi

North America (5)

Lina Badih
Rita Chalabi
Samer Dibs
Samir Samaha
Leila Tarazi

Rest of the World (1)

Abdellatif Belmehdi

Recent Graduates (2)

Ayman Kichly, Europe
Nicolas Khoury, Lebanon