

Slate for 1997 AIC Board

The AIC Nominating Committee is very pleased to present the following slate of candidates for election to the AIC Board for 1997:

President (two-year term)

Jay Krueger

Vice President (two-year term)

Deborah Bede, Pauline Mohr, and Elizabeth Kaiser Schulte

Director, Committee Liaison (three-year term)

Michele Marincola, Jerry Podany, and Shelley Sass

Will A. Real, secretary, and Betsy Palmer Eldridge, treasurer, will continue to serve in the second year of their two-year terms. Beverly Perkins, director, public information, will serve the third year of her three-year term. Kathleen Garland, specialty group liaison and John Burke, director, professional education will serve the second year of their three-year terms.

The Nominating Committee sincerely thanks those who have agreed to run for office, those who considered running (several of whom expressed interest in running in the future), and all who offered guidance and helpful suggestions.

Nominations from the Membership

The Nominating Committee is encouraged by the increase in the number of excellent candidates participating in the 1997 election. We want to remind you that the membership is invited to nominate additional qualified candidates for the open positions.

The positions of president and vice-president must be filled by a Fellow; the director, committee liaison, may be filled by a Professional Associate or a Fellow. Nominations in writing must be accompanied by the signatures of three AIC members in good standing (Fellow, Professional Associate, or Associate), a brief biographical sketch of the nominee, and a signed copy of the willingness-to-serve statement. All

correspondence regarding further nominations, including requests for copies of the willingness-to-serve statement and guidelines for the biographical sketch, should be sent to: Melissa Meighan, Conservation Department, Philadelphia Museum of Art, P.O. Box 7646, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7646; fax: (215) 236-4465. All nominations must be received no later than **February 20**. Potential nominees are encouraged to discuss the duties of the office they are considering with the current holder of that office. In addition, please feel free to call members of the Nominating Committee to discuss any aspect of the nominating and election process.—Melissa Meighan, Chair, Margaret Holben Ellis, Martin Burke

Health and Safety News

AIC Health and Safety Committee had a wonderfully productive meeting in Washington, D.C., the weekend of November 22. Committee members capitalized on this opportunity, designed as a planning meeting for the *Health and Safety Handbook*, to chart a broad course for health and safety activities through the next year based on our new charge from the AIC Board. Our committee aspires to provide conservators with timely information pertinent to health and safety issues through publications as well as activities at the annual meeting. We expect to continue producing a yearly feature article for the newsletter and to sponsor our traditional Health and Safety Luncheon Lecture at the annual meeting. In addition, the committee is hoping to inaugurate several new health and safety events for our meeting in San Diego. Though meeting site logistics may temper some of our plans, events being considered include respiratory fit testing and a personal protective equipment "show and tell." We are hoping to expand the traditional practice of displaying books on a table into a specialized publications fair. Please stay tuned for details as our plans materialize.

I am delighted to report that excellent planning efforts were made on

behalf of the *Health and Safety Handbook*. We agreed that conservators working in conservation treatment laboratories are the target audience. The handbook's content will include published materials from related fields as well as materials submitted by the conservation community for refinement, editing, and publication. The committee is pleased to announce that the first *Handbook* project will be an annotated bibliography of significant publications for 1995-96 together with those indispensable resources fondly known as "holy writings." This bibliography will be supplemented by a technical resource list. These materials will be issued to the membership via hard copy and also will be available online through the Conservation On-Line (CoOL) database. It is anticipated that this project will be completed during the first half of 1997. Thereafter, Health and Safety Committee members plan to serve as managing editors and liaisons with compilers of future *Handbook* sections.

During the second half of 1997, the Health and Safety Committee will conduct two surveys. Using a representative sampling, the first survey will investigate the use of chemicals in conservation treatment labs to determine types of chemicals used and those used most frequently. The results of this survey will help us to identify and procure in-depth documentation on commonly used chemicals for inclusion in the *Handbook*. Our second assessment will be a statistical phone survey of the AIC membership incorporating data already collected from previous surveys. This survey will help determine which health and safety topics are of the greatest concern to practicing conservators. Responses to this second survey will be invaluable to the committee in determining subsequent *Handbook* projects. The incentive for our new ideas and activities is clearly a direct result of membership input, so keep up the good work and let us hear your comments!—Hilary A. Kaplan, Chair, Health and Safety Committee, Georgia Dept. of Archives and History, 330 Capitol Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA 30334; (404) 656-3554; fax: (404) 651-8471.