



## WORKER RIGHTS CONSORTIUM

To: Primary Contacts at WRC Affiliate Colleges and Universities  
From: Scott Nova  
Date: May 29, 2009  
Re: Announcement of Elections for University Caucus Seats on the WRC Board of Directors

Annual elections for University Caucus seats on the WRC Board of Directors will be held next month. This memo outlines the election process and announces the schedule for the elections.

### **Apportionment of Board Seats**

WRC Board seats are apportioned by the size of universities' licensing programs. WRC affiliate institutions are divided into three categories:

Category A: Institutions with annual gross licensing revenues of \$1,000,000 or greater;  
Category B: Institutions with annual gross licensing revenues between \$100,000 and \$999,999; and  
Category C: Institutions with annual gross licensing revenues of less than \$100,000 (including those with no licensing program).

*(Anyone who is unsure of the category to which his/her institution belongs can contact the WRC for additional information.)*

The five university seats on the Board are apportioned among these different categories as follows: two seats are reserved for representatives of Category A schools, one seat is reserved for a representative of a Category B school, one seat is reserved for a representative of a Category C school, and one seat may be held by a representative of either a Category B or C school.

### **Board Seats Up for Election**

The following chart lists the three seats up for election this year and the category of school for which each seat is reserved. For each seat, the chart indicates the name of the seat's current occupant, whether that person is running for re-election, and when the person elected for the seat will take office:

Category	Status	Term Will Begin (End)
A	Currently held by Jim Wilkerson of Duke University – Jim is running for re-election	July 1, 2009 (June 30, 2011)
B	Currently held by Julie Elkins of the University of Connecticut – Julie is running for re-election	July 1, 2009 (June 30, 2011)
C	Currently held by Mike Powers of Cornell University – Mike is running for re-election	July 1, 2009 (June 30, 2011)

The other two University Caucus Board seats, which are not up for election this year, are an A Category seat held by Mel Tenen of the University of Miami and the B/C seat, held by LaMarr Billups of Georgetown University.

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## **The Election Process**

Nominations: Nominations will be open on Monday, May 4, 2009 and will close at the end of the day (5 p.m. EDT) on Monday, May 18, 2009. For each seat, the nominator and the nominee must be from the applicable category of school. This works as follows: For the Category C seat, any person making a nomination must be from a Category C school and the person he or she nominates must also be from a Category C school. The same requirement applies to the A and B Category seats.

As a representative of your university, you may nominate yourself for a seat, nominate another person from your institution, or nominate someone from another institution (again, provided the nominee is from the appropriate category of school).

Nominations should be e-mailed to Lani Gallagher ([lanigallagher@workersrights.org](mailto:lanigallagher@workersrights.org)) at the WRC office, along with biographical information on the nominee. Again, nominations may be sent in any time between May 4 and May 18, inclusive.

Elections: If there is only one nominee for a seat, that person is elected automatically. If there are multiple nominees for a seat, an election for that seat will be held. Voting is done by email by the official representative of each affiliate school. The representative sends an email to the WRC indicating his or her choice of candidate.

Voting will begin on Wednesday, May 20 and will end at the end of the day (5 p.m., EDT) on Wednesday, June 3, at which time the results will be announced via email. The winner is the candidate receiving a majority of votes cast. *It is important to understand that voting in all elections, for all seats, is open to all schools.* In other words, while the nominees for a given seat must come from the applicable category of school, once the nominees have been determined, all affiliate schools, regardless of category, are eligible to vote in the election for that seat. A reminder of voting procedures will be sent to schools on May 20, when voting opens.

### **Summary of Election Schedule**

May 4	Nominations open
May 18	Nominations close
May 20	Voting begins for contested elections
June 3	Voting ends, results announced