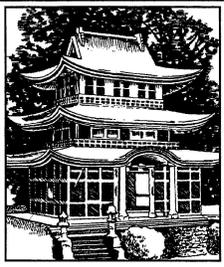


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SOS News

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Fall 2006

On September 13, 2006, the Board of Directors had its annual planning meeting to develop objectives and plans for the next year. The objectives and budget for Fiscal Year 2007 will be presented at the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Meeting which is here announced:

The Annual Meeting
of Members of Save Our Seminary at Forest Glen
Wednesday, October 11, 2006
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
2802 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD
(enter from Woodstock Avenue).

Please RSVP acceptances only to
info@saveourseminary.org or 301.589.1715.

At this meeting, SOS members will be vote on changes to the Bylaws and elect members to the Board of Directors. The ballot on the next page includes the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee that was appointed by the President.

Revising the SOS Bylaws

As reported in the Spring SOS News, the Board of Directors has reviewed the current Bylaws of the Corporation and is proposing a number of changes to increase the organization's future effectiveness. SOS members will vote on the proposed changes at the Annual Meeting on October 11, 2006. A copy of the Bylaws, with the proposed line-by-line changes, is available for inspection by any member of SOS. Requests for a copy should be mailed to the Secretary of the Corporation at Save Our Seminary, P.O. Box 8274, Silver Spring, MD 20907 or e-mailed to info@saveourseminary.org. The changes proposed are in three categories:

- Stylistic changes to update outmoded language and eliminate unnecessary and duplicative phrasing.
- Changes to bring the Bylaws into conformity with current practices of the Board and enable it to function more efficiently. These changes are:
 - Increasing the size of the Board to up to twelve members.
 - Increasing the length of board members' terms of office to three years.

- Clarifying the role of SOS members in electing the Board of Directors.
- Establishing that officers will be elected by the Board from among its members, that terms for officers will be two years, and that an officer is limited to two consecutive terms.
- Establishing that the Board may waive the two-term limit for officers for good cause.
- Clarifying the Board's authority to establish standing committees.
- Clarifying the rules for voting by mailed ballot and by proxy.
- Extending the notice requirements for Special Meetings of the membership
- Changes that expand the purpose of SOS in order to reflect current circumstances:
 - Establishing that the purpose of SOS includes benefiting the new residents of the Historic District.
 - Establishing that SOS may receive and disburse grant funds for the benefit of the historic site.

Electing the Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail your ballot to arrive by October 10, 2006 to:

Secretary
 Save Our Seminary
 P.O. Box 8274
 Silver Spring, MD 20907

 Cut here and mail to the SOS Secretary

BALLOT
 Board of Directors
 Save Our Seminary at Forest Glen

	Nominees
	Pat Baptiste
	Chris Bailey (new)
	Anne Brockett
	Steve Devoney
	Sue Fedor
	Fred Gervasi
	Nan Lowe
	Linda Lyons
	Write-in Candidates

Electing the Officers of the Corporation

In accordance with the proposed changes in the bylaws, the newly elected Board will elect its officers from among its members. The Nominating Committee has recommended the following officers: President, Fred Gervasi; Vice President, Anne Brockett; Secretary, Patricia Baptiste; and Treasurer, Nan Lowe.

Construction Watch: What's New?

Much of the National Park Seminary campus is now enclosed by a construction fence and it is difficult to find a place to walk or enjoy the architecture and landscape. SOS canceled its August and September tours because so little of the campus was visible from the areas where we could safely bring visitors. But these restrictions are temporary and the silver lining is the steady progress the developers and their contractors are making in rehabilitating the remarkable historic buildings. We expect to conduct tours in October and November. Check our website at www.saveourseminary.org for the latest information on Seminary tours.

Early in June, a section of was closed to traffic. A two-block stretch of the National Park Seminary's "main street" will be widened, repaved, and enhanced with curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and street trees. We expect it to reopen to traffic in January 2007. The Alexander Company's construction contractor, Struever Bros, Eccles and Rouse (see their website at www.sber.com) started work in July on the connected buildings at the center of the Seminary campus – Main, President's House, Senior House and Annex, the Music Hall, the Ballroom, Aloha and the Chapel. These buildings will be rehabilitated for reuse as sixty-six rental apartments and fifty-five condominiums. The roof of Main is being repaired and sections replaced and scaffolding is going up around the Ballroom and the Dining Room area. Sewer work in the Glen is being done with considerable care for the stream, plants, and stone bridges and walks. Dead and damaged trees and invasive plants will be removed later to create a more attractive and accessible Glen with a lighter tree canopy.

In June, the Alexander Company solicited proposals for purchase and rehabilitation of ten single family homes, including six of the sorority houses. Under this approach, the houses will be rehabilitated sooner and the Alexander Company will be able to focus more attention on the larger buildings. Buyers need to provide plans for the renovation and proof of financial capability prior to closing. The plans and construction must be in conformance with the Secretary of Interior Standards and they must be approved by Alexander, the County Historic Preservation Commission, the Maryland Historical Trust, and the National Park Service. New owners will have up to two years to complete work on their house.

Meanwhile, the Army has granted permission for the developer to construct a temporary trail entrance on Army property that will restore access for walkers and bikers that was lost when construction work began on the new town houses south of Linden Lane. This temporary entrance to the Ireland Drive trail is now open, thanks to the Save the Trail group for their tireless advocacy on behalf of trail users, and to the developer for paying for it.

National Park Alumna and SOS Supporter: June Rightor Saylor.

The September issue of our e-mail newsletter, *SOS Online*, featured June Rightor Saylor, a member of the last class of the National Park College (as the Seminary was called then) before it was taken over by Army in 1942. June's connection with National Park continued after the school closed in 1942. She wrote a reuse plan for the school campus entitled, "Project Proposal for Forest Glen" as a class paper at American University in 1981. When SOS was founded in 1988, she was among the Washington, DC-area alumnae who rallied in support of preserving the campus. She was an active SOS Board member from 1990 through 1994. In the years following, she gave and arranged for others to give slide shows on the history and future of the Seminary for various local groups in which she was involved.

Since 1995, June has been gradually donating her National Park memorabilia to the SOS archives so that future generations may learn about the school. Her donations include her pink lace dress and wide-brimmed hat from Class Day, a photo of her sorority house Kappa (the Dutch Windmill), her 1941 and 1942 yearbooks, and her Honor Pledge certificate. When the school closed, she bought two Chippendale dining room chairs at auction, one of which she donated to SOS. We plan to display the chair once again, perhaps in the dining room that will become the community room for the new residents of National Park Seminary.

June was here in Forest Glen for the groundbreaking ceremony in November 2005. We expect to see her again when the Seminary reopens as a residential community in 2008.



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