

Hamilton College Alumni Association
2007 Alumni Trustee Nominees

Nominated by Alumni Council

George D. Baker, Jr. '74 (Nominated by Alumni Council)

Candidate's Statement:

For over two and a half decades, I have been actively and substantially involved in the wide range of Hamilton's alumni affairs. I believe that this broad and deep experience provides an excellent platform from which to serve as an Alumni Trustee and thereby contribute to the College and the interests of all her constituencies, especially Hamilton's alumni community. Throughout my alumni activities, I have had the privilege and pleasure of constant communication with our diverse alumni. I favor and encourage significant alumni involvement in all the affairs of the College, whether arising out of controversy or otherwise. I consistently have taken the time to listen carefully to the spectrum of alumni views, comments, criticisms and suggestions, and I have worked to reflect those interests in our Washington DC regional activities, in the work of the Alumni Council, in the Annual Fund Campaigns and in what the College has done outside the ambit of the Alumni Council.

I fully understand that a Trustee bears the affirmative obligation to exercise his or her own best judgment. I think it is a very positive and beneficial factor that my judgment is informed by my years of experience in service to Hamilton's alumni.

Biographical Information:

A government major and president of the Student Senate at Hamilton, George earned a J.D. degree in 1977 from Catholic University. He is a senior partner of the Washington, D.C., law and lobbying firm of Williams & Jensen. A member of the Alumni Council's executive committee from 1996 to 2006, George served as president of the Alumni Council from 2000-03 and is the current vice chair of the Annual Fund. Other Hamilton activities have included chair, 25th reunion planning committee and 30th reunion gift committee; president, Washington, D.C., Alumni Association; host in Washington of faculty seminars, Rising Star luncheons, phonathons and planning meetings; Annual Fund class agent; and WAVE and Career Center volunteer. George lives in Bethesda, Md.

Torrence D. Moore '92 (Nominated by Alumni Council)

Candidate's Statement:

I enjoyed 4 wonderful years at Hamilton and received a great education, matured as a young man and made lifelong friends. Given this transforming experience, I chose to continue my involvement with Hamilton by volunteering in regional activities, attending college fairs, conducting off-campus interviews and supporting GOLD Group functions. Through these activities, I have been able to use my involvement with Hamilton's alumni community in support of the College's work to improve diversity. I remain active identifying African-American students from Chicago through the Link Unlimited program and continue to attend college fairs. During the past 10 years I have been engaged with C&D to involve alumni of color in the mentoring, admissions and career development of Hamilton students of color. These efforts led to the creation of the Black and Latino Alumni Network and the Multicultural Alumni Relations Committee, and the involvement of hundreds of alumni of color in both on campus and regional events such as career panels, accepted student receptions and mentoring program.

As an alumni trustee, I pledge to sustain my commitment to the Hamilton community. I am humbled by the Council's nomination and I ask for your support.

Biographical Information:

Torrence majored in economics at Hamilton. He was president of his sophomore class and BLSU and a member of the track and field and rugby teams, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Was Los honorary society. He has a masters of urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a first vice president of the public funds division of LaSalle Bank in Chicago. He received in 2002 an inaugural College Key Award as one who worked to establish the Black and Latino Alumni Network. Torrence has served on the Alumni Council's executive committee and has been Chicago WAVE chair and GOLD chair, Class Agent, and reunion committee member. He currently is class notes correspondent and a member of the Alumni Council and its Multicultural Alumni Relations Committee. Torrence is a resident of South Holland, Ill.

Nancy Roob '87 (Nominated by Alumni Council)

Candidate's Statement:

It would be a privilege and honor to serve as trustee of the College. Hamilton's high standards, commitment to excellence, outstanding faculty and core values helped to shape the person that I am today and I see trusteeship as an incredible opportunity to give something back. When I graduated from Hamilton, I left eager to make a meaningful difference in the world. I attribute the professional choices I have made to date to the College and the outstanding faculty and students who challenged me to dedicate my life to working on serious social problems. As trustee, I believe I would bring significant experience with board governance, organizational strategy and design, constituency building, fund development and most importantly, a deep commitment to seeing Hamilton continue to attract the highest caliber students and graduate them to become highly productive citizens.

Biographical Information:

A comparative literature major, Nancy earned the James Soper Merrill Prize at her Hamilton graduation. She received her master's in public administration at the Kennedy School at Harvard in 1991. Currently, Nancy is President and CEO of the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation -- a national philanthropy with assets of \$860 million that invests in helping strengthen the capacity of youth-serving nonprofit organizations to serve larger numbers of low income youth with proven service models. She has visited Hamilton to mentor students and faculty members in organizational strategy and fundraising. Nancy, who lives in Sag Harbor, N.Y., is the daughter of Richard Roob '53.

Nominated by Petition

Peter D. Brown '73 (Nominated by Petition)

Candidate's Statement:

Consider the facts: Brigitte Boisselier; Annie Sprinkle; Tobin's resignation for alleged plagiarism, severance package & endowed chair; Susan Rosenberg; the shabby treatment of Coach Murphy; Ward Churchill; the acceptance and subsequent demise of the Alexander Hamilton Center; and the as yet undisclosed proposal by the Alumni Council to disenfranchise alumni by amendment to the bylaws.

Last year, I ran as a candidate by petition and was humbled by the letters, calls, and emails of support and encouragement.

Events since then, specifically the handling of the Alexander Hamilton Center and the efforts to hamper and discourage petition candidates, indicate the continuing need for all alumni to press for the highest standards of governance.

My principles:

- Integrity in scholarship & leadership
- Greater transparency and better board communication
- Accountability
- Intellectual diversity
- Financial prudence
- Effective policies, reporting & controls

I commit to free speech and the open exchange of ideas. I will be an independent, diligent, responsive, and responsible trustee without preconceptions or encumbrances from the past. Issues will be raised, addressed, and considered in good faith on the basis of the best interests of Hamilton and of its fundamental guiding principles without regard to ideology.

Sunlight remains the best disinfectant.

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Biographical Information:

Peter majored in geology and was a member of Emerson Literary Society and the Outing Club at Hamilton. He is a regional institutional portfolio manager for Victory Capital Management, a subsidiary of KeyCorp. His brother is J. Hunter Brown '76. Peter and his wife Anne Levenson Brown K'74 reside in Anchorage, Alaska.

Ben S. Wu '73 (Nominated by Petition)

Candidate's Statement:

Many thought my candidacy last year was reactive to events culminating with Ward Churchill. It was not: I am committed to supporting & improving Hamilton and its students, parents, faculty, and alumni. Last year I received the most votes of all petition candidates and came in 4th overall. The recent Alexander Hamilton Center fiasco clearly shows a continued need for outside and independent trustees.

As a trustee you will find me to be objective, responsive, financially and legally sound, a proponent of greater transparency in governance, and a supporter of free speech and intellectual diversity in all matters Hamilton.

My objectives are to:

- Improve governance with proper policies & systems for control and accountability
- Safeguard Hamilton's reputation by promoting the highest standards for faculty, scholarship, pedagogy and leadership
- Be inclusive by listening, engaging and responding to all constituencies
- Be a true fiduciary trustee

On a personal note, my father was not a US citizen and was truly grateful to Hamilton for educating his son. In honoring his wishes and my own as a loyal alumnus, I truly wish to serve as your trustee.

Please feel free to contact me. My contact data is available at www.hcagr.squarespace.com.

Biographical Information:

A psychology major and member of Emerson Literary Society at Hamilton, Ben received his M.B.A. from Emory University in 1975 and his J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law in 1989. He is executive vice president of Aina Services and lives in Laguna Beach, Calif. He participates in the Los Angeles Alumni Council Association planning committee.