

The Philosophical Society of Texas

May 30, 2019

Dear Fellow Member:

The Membership Committee invites you to submit nominations for membership in the Philosophical Society of Texas. Our Bylaws provide that membership in the Society is by invitation only and limit the number of active members to two hundred persons of distinction whose life and character have furthered the purposes for which the Society was established. Only persons who reside within, were born within, or at some time have resided within the geographical boundaries of the late Republic of Texas are eligible for membership.

The committee looks for nominees who are top in the fields of academics, arts and letters, medicine, business, law, philanthropy, and community leadership. The original founders of the Society in 1837 and those who revived it in the 1936 Centennial Celebration of Texas Independence were responsible for building and shaping our state. We appreciate nominees from all regions who are continuing to lead the Texas of today.

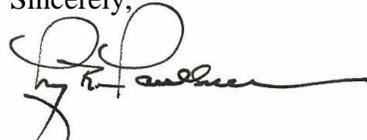
All Society members—active, associate, and emeritus—may nominate and second candidates for membership through August 16, 2019. The nominee's biographical statement must be limited to 400 words. In August, the Membership Committee will meet to determine the names to appear on the ballot and the number of vacancies to fill. Shortly afterward, ballots with accompanying information about the nominees will be mailed to active members. We anticipate ten to fifteen openings; the Society is currently close to its maximum membership of two hundred.

The committee has observed that nominees often appear on the ballot for several years before being elected. Because those elected into the Society are often selected on the basis of how well the members know the nominees, the committee urges members to invite potential nominees to the annual meetings. Their attendance demonstrates their interest in the Society while enabling the members to become acquainted with them.

Election of new members will take place in September and October and will be determined by a majority of the active members voting. This timetable should allow the new members adequate time to make plans to attend the Society's annual meeting on February 7-9, 2019, in Galveston, where the new members will be introduced. President David L. Callender is planning an outstanding program on the topic of "Medicine and Texas."

For your convenience, you will find the nomination form enclosed and also posted on the Society's website at www.pstx.org/membership. The form and accompanying information are **due on August 16, 2019**. As stated on the form, the information can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Society's office.

Sincerely,



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Membership Committee Chair

Enc. 2019 Nomination Form

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