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Dear Territorial and Bureau Members,

Next year the ICO Bureau will be reconstituted through elections by territorial member participation. As Past President of ICO, I assume the chairmanship of the Nominating Committee with three additional members, Anna Consortini, Asher Friesem, and Rajpal Sirohi. We will be overseeing the nomination process and the election at the ICO-21, Triennial Congress of the International Commission for Optics "Optics for the 21st Century" in Sydney, Australia, 7-10 July, 2008. Enclosed are procedures to assist you in understanding the nomination and endorsement process and requirements for the eight member-elected vice presidents. These vice presidents along with the appointed international organization member vice presidents (up to a limit of 8) together with the Executive Committee consisting of the President, Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Associate Secretary, and the Treasurer constitute the ICO Bureau.

Attached to this letter are the appropriate regulations covering the nominating process and a description of the eligibility of present members for an additional term. It is important this process be given serious consideration so that we may have quality officers representing the international optics community. Hopefully, the process will lead to a diverse (especially geographically) Bureau. If you have any questions or concerns, I would appreciate hearing from you. The Nominating Committee is expecting to get names for candidates **before February 29, 2008**, so that we can proceed timely with our preparations for the elections. However, it should be remembered that nominations for all positions/officers close only 24 hours before the second business meeting of the International Commission for Optics General Assembly in Sydney.

Your nominations should be forwarded to me at the address shown below.

Sincerely yours

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Information on ICO Rules for ICO Bureau Elections:

<http://www.ico-optics.org/pdfs/PARTIII.pdf>

(See pages 128-129, Article 5. The Bureau)