

Voting on the proposed new constitution for Dartmouth's Alumni Association has officially opened. It is very important for all alumni to participate. The NAAAD Executive Committee encourages you to vote **in favor (approve Amendment 1)** of the new Constitution for the reasons so clearly outlined by current and former NAAAD Alumni Council representatives on pages 2 and 3. Briefly, the proposed Constitution will increase NAAAD's representation in the Alumni Association. The improved Constitution will also make run-offs between slate and petition candidates fair by making them head-to-head.

Whether you have closely followed the public debate on this topic or are just now becoming familiar with it, NAAAD Alumni Council representative Carmen Lopez '97 has written an excellent piece on the issues at hand. Read why Carmen voted **in favor** of this new constitution on page 2. Former NAAAD Alumni Council representative Karen Letarte '84 agrees. Read Karen's email to the NAAAD listserv on page 3.

There are a small number of alumni who oppose the new Constitution. They have generated a lot of noise on this topic. The leaders of this *very* small (but *very* vocal) faction are wasting the valuable resources of the College, the courts, and their fellow alumni who volunteer their time to serve on the committees and boards of the alumni clubs and affiliated groups, the Alumni Governance Task Force, and last, but not least, the Association of Alumni and the Alumni Council themselves. Once you've read the opposition's position, you will see why we implore you to participate in this vote – and vote **in favor (approve Amendment 1)** of the new Constitution.

Vote by mail, by phone, or on-line. Printed ballots were mailed September 13, 2006. To vote by mail use the PIN on your printed ballot.

We urge you to investigate this issue for yourself by going to <http://voxthevote.org/>.