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2008 Candidate Application

	Candidate Name:	Patrick R. Sislian
	Position of Interest:	President
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Brief Biography:

I was born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon. In 2000, I moved to the United States to pursue a double major in Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry at the University of California, Los Angeles. I am currently a 3rd year Ph.D. candidate in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. I am also a California Nanosystems Institute (CNSI) Nanotoxicology Fellow.

During my time at UCLA, I become involved with the Engineering Graduate Student Association (EGSA) and I currently serve as the 2007-2008 President. The EGSA has approximately 1,300 members from all disciplines of engineering. Under my leadership, EGSA has added educational and mentoring programs to help increase the number of graduate student led start-up companies.

I co-founded the UCLA Lebanese Social Club (LSC) in 2003. Since that time and due to several great student leaders, the LSC has grown to include more than 50 active student-members.

In September 2007, I co-founded the Lebanese Collegiate Network (LCN). I am proud to be the current LCN President. The LCN has given me the opportunity to work with 6 very dedicated and talented board members. In just 6 months the LCN team has achieved so much:

- 2 fundraising dinners: One in Los Angeles and one in Washington D.C.
- 3 programs for student development (Best University Lebanese Club, Academic Excellence and Heritage Scholarship, and the Student Exchange program)
- Enrolled 13 University Lebanese clubs nationwide
- Secured 501c3 tax-exempt status
- Developed a state-of-the-art website with more than 2000 unique visitors
- Developed more than 15 media contacts
- Organized the 2008 Annual LCN Convention at University of Maryland, College Park
- Published the first edition of ReCap – *The official LCN Newsletter*

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- Kept diligent records of all meetings and motions
- Presented at various University Lebanese Clubs
- Assisted in creating several new University Lebanese Clubs (e.g. CSUDH)

My team and I are very passionate about serving the Lebanese student and professional community. The challenges we overcame have developed my leadership skills.

Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

I hope to be elected and serve as *your* LCN President. If *you* elect me, I will make sure we build on the successes of 2007-2008 fiscal year. My top priority will be to continue to encourage open and active communication between all elected board members as well as with our membership and donors.

The LCN is still a very new organization and I believe managing the rate of growth will be critical to maintaining the level of service we have provided. Therefore, I plan to increase the reward of the 3 current programs and increase the number of applicants to these programs. Managing growth does not mean stopping membership growth. The ULCs are the integral part to the LCN's success. As President, it will be my duty to encourage existing ULCs to join the LCN family. I will also continue to help create new ULCs nationwide.

If elected I will ensure a successful 2009 Annual Convention in Los Angeles which will build on the lessons learned from 2008. I plan on engaging the membership and professional community to bring more career development programs to the next convention.

As always, the input of my team will be critical to executing we collectively set to help the students develop both academically and professionally.

It would be an honor to serve you as LCN President for 2008-2009.


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	Candidate Name:	David Tayeh
	Position of Interest:	Treasurer
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	Boston University

Please use as much space as you need.

Brief Biography:

I was born in Lebanon during the war that destroyed most of the country's economy and infrastructure. I moved to the United States in 1999 where I finished my high school studies. I attended Boston University and acquired a B.S in Electrical Engineering in December 2006.

My first year at Boston University, I founded the Boston University Lebanese Club in 2002 and was its first President. Today, the club is one of the most active cultural clubs on Campus holding an annual 'Lebanese Night' which hosts over 600 people and other events such as 'Hookah and a movie'. I cannot claim the credit for the club's achievements alone, but instead share it with a group of dedicated and creative students over the past years. I can credit myself as being one of the fiercest proponents of democracy within the club, encouraging new members to become its future leaders, and above all keeping the club neutral of any religious and political affiliation.

Other than the Lebanese Club, I was an active member of the Debate team and Model United Nations Association. I represented the Lebanese Club in the International student Consortium and the university cultural board. I led an effort to establish study Abroad programs in Beirut through Boston University which was welcomed by the International Programs office but put on hold for different security concerns.

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In my professional career, I did an internship in Information Technology at Philips Medical Systems and worked as a Systems Engineer for Hologic, in its Digital Mammography department. I currently work as a Software Engineer at Thomson Inc. in its Digital News Production Software development Group.

Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

If elected, I would like to increase the revenue of the LCN in order to expand its reach. I mainly identify the following ways to raise money:

- Hosting social events for college students
- Reaching to the Lebanese American community and businesses
- Selling Lebanese cultural artifacts at events
- Growing the LCN reach to attract advertisement money

I would also like to work towards establishing the LCN as an employment Link between Businesses, Alumni and Students by helping companies to recruit skilled members of the different Lebanese Clubs, allowing Alumni to network and refer fellow graduates to job openings and advise prospective graduates on the job market by working Alumni.

I also would like the LCN to develop think-tank groups on different problems that are facing Lebanon today and those that will face it in the future excluding the political ones. Problems such as National Debt, Inflation, lack of job opportunities, Healthcare deficit, Electricity and water supplies, Telecommunications and others.

I raise a lot of goals that might get different priorities on the new board's agenda. I also realize that some goals the LCN will need years to attain, but as most of you already know, everything has to start somewhere, and just as starting a Lebanese Club at your respective Universities might have seemed impossible at one point, Your presence in the LCN convention proves that wrong.

It would be an honor to serve you as LCN Treasurer for 2008-2009.

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Insert Photo Here (Optional)	Candidate Name:	Bruno Atieh
	Position of Interest:	Treasurer
	Email (optional):	
	Phone Number (optional):	
	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	

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Brief Biography:

Project Manager at the Center for Global Peace at the American University in Washington DC. Projects on Human Rights, Democracy... in the Middle East.

Graduate Student at American University. Masters in Development Management with a concentration on Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Founder of the "Lebanese in Washington DC" initiative that is a network for professionals and students in DC, Virginia and Maryland.

Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

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	Candidate Name:	Ramzi Nasr
	Position of Interest:	Secretary
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	University of California, Irvine

Brief Biography:

I was born and raised in Lebanon. In 2000, I moved to the United States to pursue my education in Computer Engineering and Computer Science at the California State University, Long Beach. I am currently a 2nd year Ph.D. student in Bioinformatics at the University of California, Irvine.

During my time in the U.S., I have been actively involved in many non-profit organizations: IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.), ACM (Association for Computing Machinery), HCSC (Hammana Club of Southern California), and Golden Key to name a few.

In July 2007, I co-founded the Lebanese Collegiate Network (LCN). I am proud to have served as the secretary of the organization since. I diligently wrote and distributed the agenda and minutes for 10 meetings since July of 2007 and have recorded more than 40 motions passed by the LCN board over the same time period. The LCN has given me the opportunity to work with 6 very dedicated and hardworking board members.



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Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

If you elect me as the LCN Secretary, I will make sure we keep the level of professionalism that we have maintained over 2007–2008. Having well-documented meetings that abide by Robert's rules are critical to the efficient operation of the LCN Executive Board. The written documents ensure that the LCN bylaws and constitution are followed diligently. I take this responsibility very seriously

If elected, I will implement a centralized filing system. All documents created by the LCN will be stored in the system with standardized names for ease of access. The system is critical to maintain an organizational memory for future Executive Boards.

Since I live in the Los Angeles area, I will help the events chair in planning a successful 2009 Annual Convention in Los Angeles next year if elected.

| It would be an honor to serve you as LCN Secretary for 2008–2009.

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	Candidate Name:	Karim Khoury
	Position of Interest:	VP of Information Technology
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	University of Maryland, College Park

Please use as much space as you need.

Brief Biography:

I was born in Lebanon in 1981. I traveled to the US in 2003 to get my Masters in Electrical Engineering at the University of Maryland in College Park. I graduated in 2004 and I currently work as an IT Manager for a Venture Capital fund in the Washington DC area (where I currently live). Aside from my engineering practices, I work with a team of VC investors and entrepreneurs and have gained experience in startup company operations and corporate strategies.

In September 2007, I co-founded the Lebanese Collegiate Network (LCN) along with six talented individuals and friends of mine, and I currently serve on the LCN board as a VP of Information Technology. Under my leadership, I was able to complete the LCN website. Please review my work at www.lebanesecollegiatenetwork.org.

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Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

My engineering background, managerial experience, and entrepreneurial spirit give me the foundation to serve the LCN community and members. I hope to be re-elected as your VP of Information Technology (IT) to lead a well defined IT Committee.

The Information Technology (IT) Committee shall plan, design, deploy, and maintain Information Technology related projects and activities that are essential for the operation of the organization.

- The IT Committee shall create and maintain the LCN website.
- The IT Committee shall create and maintain a database of members registered with the LCN and ensure the availability of such information in a secure fashion.
- The IT Committee shall ensure the ease and security of online communications among the committees.
- The IT Committee shall support the IT needs of all other committees as needed.

Apart from the main duties outlined above, one of my main goals if I get re-elected, is to make the LCN website more dynamic and interactive. And that is implementing a content management system (CMS) back-end for the LCN board and members.

I believe I am the most qualified candidate for the LCN VP of IT position. I hope to win your votes so I may continue to serve the members and goals of this organization.


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	Candidate Name:	Serge Haddad
	Position of Interest:	Vice President of Events
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	Loyola Marymount Univ & Univ. of Southern California

Please use as much space as you need.

Brief Biography:

I was born on October 1, 1980 in Beirut, Lebanon. At the age of five, I moved to Sacramento, California. I attained a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Loyola Marymount and earned my graduate degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Southern California.

In August of 2002, my career with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) began. I worked as a Structural Designer for the Environmental Engineering Division, as a Project Engineer (PE) for the Bridge Improvement Program, as a PE for the Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division, and I am currently the Council / Board Liaison for BOE.

I am also very involved in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). I have been the President for the MLAB Younger Member Forum (YMF) as well as the University Outreach Chair and Scholarship Chair. Under my leadership, ASCE has won several National, State, and Local awards. Those roles allowed me to promote civil engineering to college students as well as increase my skills as a leader. I applied those skills as LCN Treasurer for the 2007-2008 year.

As co-founder and Treasurer for the LCN, I was able to help secure 501c3 non-profit status, help organize two successful fundraising dinners (in LA and DC), and work on planning the 2008 LCN Convention. I was lucky to work with 6 talented individuals in the LCN that made a dream into a reality. My proudest moments were the several friendships I made with the LCN student and alumni membership.

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Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

I hope to be elected and serve as *your* Vice President of Events. The LCN is an organization that is full of potential. This past year, I was the lead LCN Constitutional Chair, Treasurer, co-founder, and member of the LCN Convention Committee. My roles allowed me to work successfully with the seven-person Executive Board. As a team we diligently and quickly completed the constitution, bylaws, award programs, and secured 501c3 status.

The Vice President of Events is an important part of the LCN organization. It is the position that organizes the Annual Convention. I was lucky to closely work with Julien Chemali (current VP of Events) in organizing the 2008 LCN Convention. Together, we worked to subsidize all costs to the student membership. Students paid less than half of the convention value when they registered. I will continue to seek out donations to keep student registration costs low. Learning from my previous ASCE experience, I assisted in directing the workshops towards professional development.

I understand the responsibilities of this position and I will take it very seriously. The LCN has proven its potential in serving its membership. It has opened opportunities for students to network with one another and is quickly growing to become a tool for professional development. I want to continue to be a contributing factor of the LCN and its mission.

Per Bylaws:

- (7) Vice President of Events
The VP of Events shall plan all events relevant to LCN.
 - 7.1 The VP of Events shall ensure that above all, The Annual LCN Convention is carried out every year in the month of March or April.
 - 7.2 The VP of Events shall plan all details relevant to programs and events pending Board approval. This includes but is not limited to: venue selection, scheduling, ticket sales, and logistics.

If elected, I will work to host the LCN Convention in the Los Angeles area pending board approval. Thank you and I hope that you allow me to serve as *your* Vice President of Events for the 2008-2009 year.


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	Candidate Name:	Sevag Garen Sislian
	Position of Interest:	Vice President of Membership
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	University of Southern California

Brief Biography:

I was born in Beirut, in 1985. I moved to Los Angeles in 2003 to pursue a double major in Chemical Engineering and Mathematics/Economics at the University of Southern California (USC). My expected graduation date is May of 2008.

At USC I have been an active member at the USC Lebanese Club. I was club president from August 2005 to May 2006, and have been the Public Relations Chair since August of 2006. My two important accomplishment as club officer was (1) establishing strong ties with our faculty advisor and (2) designing a maintained website (www-scf.usc.edu/~lebanon).

I have also served as the Vice President of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AICE). Under my leadership, AIChE brought industry professionals and formed professional panels for the Chemical Engineering student body.

As the current Vice President of the LCN, I was able to get 13 clubs actively involved in the LCN. I also took responsibility to successfully launch "recap" (the official LCN newsletter). I was lucky to be a member of 7-person board, who were able to transform the LCN into a lively and growing organization.



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Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

I hope to be serving as your Vice President of Membership for a second term. As the current VP of Membership, I have been fortunate to build relationships and ties with ULC presidents across the nation and within my neighborhood. The strength of any organization is its ability to grow, and more importantly, maintain that growth from year to year.

My Goals are the following:

1. Increase ULC Membership to 25 Clubs by March 2009
2. Launch "recap" every quarter
3. Visit 3 ULCs throughout the term
4. Maintain the current relationships and build new ones as more ULCs join and boards change
5. Establish a committee, per constitution and bylaws, to help manage the growth and make sure all ULCs get the necessary attention
6. Work with the VP of Information Technology to develop a platform that would facilitate the posting of events and news by the ULCs directly.
7. Develop a "Policy & Procedures" doctrine to organize and manage all the Membership activities.

Per Bylaws:

(5) Vice President of Membership

The VP of Membership shall oversee all LCN membership related duties.

5.1 The VP of Membership shall advertise activities, events, and goals to the membership.

5.2 The VP of Membership shall increase the membership of LCN by a Board approved projected percentage at the beginning of each year.

5.3 The VP of Membership shall be in frequent and direct contact with all ULC Presidents to strengthen their network and involvement within LCN.

5.4 The VP of Membership shall publish a quarterly newsletter and distribute to all members, ULC Presidents, and other organizations.

As your Vice President of Membership, and as in all my other endeavors, I will keep a Professional mind. Communication within the board and with the members is key. I believe contact with the members should be frequent and more than just the conference. I will also ensure that the focus of all LCN activities is focused on the students and the ULCs.

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To: Potential LCN Candidates
From: LCN Executive Board
Date: February 1, 2008
Subject: Call for Nominations for the 2008-2009 LCN Executive Board

Please fill out the attached nomination form for the 2008-2009 Lebanese Collegiate Network (LCN) Executive Board positions. Candidates may be self-nominated and/or nominated by any LCN general or subscribing member as defined by Article 3 of the LCN Constitution. The Executive Board positions are listed below:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Vice President of Events
5. Vice President of Public Relations
6. Vice President of Membership
7. Vice President of Information Technology

Each position's responsibility is listed under Article III of the LCN Bylaws. The Conference will be held at the University of Maryland at College Park on March 28-30 2008. A copy of the LCN Constitution and LCN Bylaws can be found at the following website:
www.lebanesecollegiatenetwork.org

Per Article X of the LCN Bylaws, no ULC President may be an LCN officer during his/her term. Please submit the attached nomination form **by March 17, 2007**. The form may be submitted electronically to the LCN Board at nom@lebanesecollegiatenetwork.org or by mail at P.O. Box 531203, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

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Thank you and the LCN Executive Board looks forward to your participation at the LCN Convention on March 28-30 in Washington D.C.



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Insert Photo Here (Optional)	Candidate Name:	Yehya Chawich
	Position of Interest:	Vice President of Public Relations
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	Phone Number:	(818)274-1277
	Enrolled University or Alma Matter:	UCSB

Please use as much space as you need.

Brief Biography:

My name is Yehya Chawich, I am a third year UCSB Student, majoring in biochemistry. I moved to the states three years ago from Lebanon to pursue a better education. I am planning on attending medical school. I am pretty involved with the Lebanese club in UCSB and I would like to take it to the next step and get involved with the Lebanese all over the states.

Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:


I would like to promote the Lebanese culture and outreach more Lebanese clubs all over the states in order to bring the Lebanese students together. In addition I am planning on getting more students involved not only with their ULC but with LCN as well .

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	Candidate Name:	Diana Ayoub
	Position of Interest:	VP of Public Relations
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	Enrolled University or Alma Matter (optional):	Thomas M. Cooley School of Law

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Brief Biography:

Although I was born and raised in California, my parents have instilled their love of Lebanon in me. I have been involved in numerous organizations that were formed in order to aid Lebanon and its people. I was elected as secretary of the Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) of Our Lady of Mount Lebanon Cathedral from 1999-2002. I also served as a member of the MYO Executive Board from 2006-2007. I was also on the Board of the International Maronite Foundation (IMF) where I aided in hosting the 2002 Convention in Long Beach, California. I served on the Events Committee where duties included organizing events for the Youth and communicating with Lebanese Dignitaries. I was an active member of the American Lebanese Medical Association (ALMA) where I was able to participate as a committee member for the 2000 conference in Lebanon and the annual medical symposiums. Through ALMA, I became an active volunteer for clinics in Lebanon. I am currently pursuing a J.D. at Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in Michigan. During my first term at Thomas M. Cooley, I was elected as Vice-President of the International Law Society. As Vice-President, I was able to help create a relationship with the ILS and the World Affairs Council in bringing International figures to campus for lectures and panel sessions.

My role as Vice-President of Public Relations of the Lebanese Collegiate Network has been greatly fulfilling and worthwhile. I have worked closely with a selfless board that has diligently and efficiently created an organization that caters to University Lebanese Clubs.

As Vice President of Public Relations, I was given the opportunity *spread the word of the LCN through several newspapers throughout the United States. The LCN has received great coverage from these resources.* The duty and time commitment spent on the Board has been invaluable.

Goals and Reasons if Elected to Position:

It would be a great honor to be re-elected to serve you as the LCN Vice-President of Public Relations. Working for University Lebanese Clubs has truly been a unique experience. I would be privileged to continue my service throughout the next term.

My goals, if elected, would be to further expand the media outlet base for the LCN. I seek to continue to develop, interpret, and communicate the LCN's image, mission, and goals to the public effectively. My main priority would be to build a rapport with various outlets and the public and ensure timely distribution of press releases after major LCN events.

I also feel very strongly about staying true to the LCN's constitution specifically Article III section 4:

"LCN is not affiliated with, nor does it support or exclude, any religious, political, racial, or social group."

I intend to uphold this in my choice of media outlets and will seek board approval before establishing a formal contact.

I am dedicated and devoted to the future and growth of the Lebanese Collegiate Network. I am enthusiastic to continue working for University Lebanese Clubs through the Lebanese Collegiate Network. I hope to continue to uphold the integrity of the organization and maintain the respect that our members so loyally represent for our beloved country.