

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

[Circular No. 2696]
[September 27, 1943]

Nomination and Election of Directors

To Member Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

An election will be held under the provisions of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, to choose successors to the following directors of this bank whose terms will expire December 31, 1943: class A director, LEON FRASER, President, The First National Bank of the City of New York, New York, N. Y., and class B director, DONALDSON BROWN, Vice Chairman of the Board, General Motors Corporation, New York, N. Y.

Both directors were elected by member banks in Group 1 and their successors will be chosen by this group. The member banks in Groups 2 and 3 do not elect directors this year and will not participate in this election.

The classification of member banks for the purpose of nomination and election of class A and B directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is as follows:

Group 1 consists of banks with capital and surplus of \$10,000,000 and over (listed on page 3);

Group 2, of banks with capital and surplus of more than \$300,000 and less than \$10,000,000; and

Group 3, of banks with capital and surplus of \$300,000 and less.

Except in the case of two or more banks affiliated with the same holding company affiliate*, each bank in Group 1 is permitted to nominate a candidate for class A director and a candidate

***Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, reads in part as follows:**

“ . . . That whenever any two or more member banks within the same Federal reserve district are affiliated with the same holding company affiliate, participation by such member banks in any such nomination or election shall be confined to one of such banks, which may be designated for the purpose by such holding company affiliate.”

Accordingly, banks in Group 1 affected by the foregoing provision of the law are requested to take prompt action to have the appropriate holding company affiliate designate, if it has not already designated, one of its affiliated banks to participate in this nomination and election.

for class B director. ** The nominations should be made by resolution of the boards of directors of the nominating banks and certified copies of such resolutions should be sent to me so as to reach me on or before October 28, 1943. The enclosed printed forms show the appropriate forms of resolution and *one copy of each form* should be used in sending certified copies of the resolutions to me.

On October 30, 1943, copies of the list of candidates (indicating by whom nominated) and preferential ballots will be mailed so that, in the normal course of the mails, they will be received by all banks in Group 1 on November 1, 1943. The law provides that the ballot shall be cast within 15 days after receipt of this list. The polls will open on November 1, 1943, and will close at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, November 16, 1943. Upon the closing of the polls the ballot box will be opened in the board room of this bank, the votes counted and checked by tellers, and results of the election announced. The candidates will be invited to be present or represented on that occasion.

In order to be counted as valid, the ballot must be executed by an officer authorized to cast the vote and must be received by me at or before the time thus fixed for the closing of the polls (i.e., at or before 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, November 16, 1943). The list on the following page shows the officers heretofore designated for this purpose by the respective banks in Group 1.

The banks in Groups 2 and 3 will not participate in this election, and this circular is sent to them without forms for their information only.

BEARDSLEY RUMML,

Chairman of the Board.

****Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, reads in part as follows:**

“Class A shall consist of three members, who shall be chosen by and be representative of the stock-holding banks. . . . No officer or director of a member bank shall be eligible to serve as a class A director unless nominated and elected by banks which are members of the same group as the member bank of which he is an officer or director.

“Any person who is an officer or director of more than one member bank shall not be eligible for nomination as a class A director except by banks in the same group as the bank having the largest aggregate resources of any of those of which such person is an officer or director.”

“Class B shall consist of three members, who at the time of their election shall be actively engaged in their district in commerce, agriculture or some other industrial pursuit. . . . No director of class B shall be an officer, director, or employee of any bank.”

“No Senator or Representative in Congress shall be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or an officer or a director of a Federal reserve bank.”

In a resolution adopted December 23, 1915, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System expressed the opinion “that persons holding political or public office in the service of the United States, or of any State, territory, county, district, political subdivision, or municipality thereof, or acting as members of political party committees, cannot consistently with the spirit and underlying principles of the Federal Reserve Act, serve as directors or officers of Federal Reserve Banks.” On December 28, 1915, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System resolved that “national bank examiners shall not hereafter be elected * * * to directorships in Federal Reserve Banks.” Under date of July 2, 1925, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System advised it had “reached the conclusion that a person whose sole occupation is that of officer of an insurance company is not eligible for election as a Class B director of a Federal Reserve Bank”, and on October 18, 1939, the Board advised “that a person whose sole occupation is that of president of a Federal savings and loan association and who has been serving as a class A director is not now eligible for election and service as a class B director”.

1943 Election of Directors

List of 23 Member Banks in Group 1

Revised to September 24, 1943

Group 1 consists of member banks with capital and surplus of \$10,000,000 and over

NEW JERSEY

Place	Bank or Trust Company	Officers Authorized to Cast Vote
Newark	Fidelity Union Trust Company	Chairman, President, or any Vice President

NEW YORK

Brooklyn	Brooklyn Trust Company	President, any Vice President, or Secretary
Buffalo	Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company	President, any Vice President, or Secretary
Buffalo	The Marine Trust Company of Buffalo	President, or any Vice President
New York	Bank of the Manhattan Company	Honorary Chairman, Chairman, Vice Chairman, or President
New York	Bank of New York	President, any Vice President, or Treasurer
New York	Bankers Trust Company	President, or any Vice President
New York	Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company	President, or any Vice President
New York	The Chase National Bank of the City of New York	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, any Vice President, or Cashier
New York	Chemical Bank & Trust Company	President, or any Vice President
New York	City Bank Farmers Trust Company	President, any Vice President, or Secretary
New York	The Commercial National Bank and Trust Company of New York	President, any Vice President, or Cashier
New York	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company	Chairman, Vice Chairman, President, or any Vice President
New York	The First National Bank of the City of New York	President, any Vice President, or Cashier
New York	Guaranty Trust Company of New York	President, any Vice President, or Secretary
New York	Irving Trust Company	President, or First Vice President
New York	Manufacturers Trust Company	Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, President, Chairman of the Trust Committee, or any Vice President
New York	The Marine Midland Trust Company of New York	Chairman of the Board, President, any Vice President, or Chairman of the Executive Committee
New York	J. P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated
New York	The National City Bank of New York	President, any Vice President, or Cashier
New York	The New York Trust Company	President, or any Vice President
New York	The Public National Bank and Trust Company of New York	President, any Vice President, or Cashier
New York	United States Trust Company of New York	President, or any Vice President

In duplicate

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Nomination for Class A Director, 1943

DISTRICT No. 2

GROUP No. 1

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the
(Name of Bank)
ofduly called and held on the.....day
(City or Town and State)
of.....1943, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

“RESOLVED, That....., of.....

whose occupation is, be, and he is hereby, nominated by this bank as a candidate for director of class A of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the cashier or other officer of this bank is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.”

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of this bank duly adopted on the date specified.

(SEAL OF BANK)

.....
(Official signature)

.....
(Title)

To MR. BEARDSLEY RUML,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

In duplicate

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Nomination for Class B Director, 1943

DISTRICT No. 2

GROUP No. 1

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the
(Name of Bank)
ofduly called and held on the.....day
(City or Town and State)
of.....1943, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

“RESOLVED, That....., of.....

whose occupation is, be, and he is hereby, nominated by this bank as a candidate for director of class B of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and the cashier or other officer of this bank is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.”

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of this bank duly adopted on the date specified.

(SEAL OF BANK)

.....
(Official signature)

TO MR. BEARDSLEY RUMML,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

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(Title)

MR. BEARDSLEY RUML,

Chairman, Board of Directors,

Federal Reserve Bank of New York,

New York, N. Y.