

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

[Circular No. 497]
[October 21, 1922]

Election of Directors

Of Federal Reserve Bank of New York

To all Member Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

Terms of Directors

Under the Federal Reserve Act, the relevant provisions of which may be found on the third page of this circular, each Federal Reserve Bank has nine directors, three of each class (A, B and C), who serve for three years each, and whose terms are so arranged that the terms of three directors, one of each class, expire each year. Class A and Class B directors are elected by the member banks; Class C directors are designated by the Federal Reserve Board.

The expiration on December 31, 1922, of the terms of two elected directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, namely, James S. Alexander, of Class A, and Charles A. Stone, of Class B, makes necessary the election of two successors.

Banks Which Vote in This Election

The Act requires that for the purpose of elections the member banks in each district shall be divided into three groups. The Federal Reserve Board, accordingly, has grouped the member banks in this district as follows:

Group 1, Banks having capital and surplus in excess of \$1,999,000
(listed on page 4).

Group 2, Banks having capital and surplus not exceeding \$1,999,000
and not below \$201,000.

Group 3, Banks having capital and surplus below \$201,000.

Each group, every third year, elects one Class A director and one Class B director. *Since Mr. Alexander and Mr. Stone were elected by Group 1, only this group will participate in the coming election, but this circular is sent to all member banks in the district for their information.*

Procedure

The directors of each member bank in Group 1 may nominate one candidate for director of Class A and one candidate for director of Class B. Member banks in Group 1 will find enclosed blank forms for use as follows:

1. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR CLASS A DIRECTOR, 1922. (Printed on buff paper.)

Class A directors under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act are to be "representative of the stock holding banks." An officer or director of any member bank in Group 1 is eligible at this time for nomination and election. In order to nominate a candidate, it is necessary for the board of directors of the voting member bank to adopt a resolution of nomination. The form of that resolution is printed on the blank provided. When signed by the cashier and stamped with the seal of the bank it should be forwarded in the enclosed envelope.

2. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR CLASS B DIRECTOR, 1922. (Printed on blue paper.)

Under the terms of the Act, "no director of Class B shall be an officer, director, or employee of any bank," and at the time of his election a Class B director shall be actively engaged in his district "in commerce, agriculture, or some other industrial pursuit." This nomination also requires the adoption of a resolution by the board of directors of the voting member bank, and a form of resolution is printed on the blank provided. When signed by the cashier and stamped with the seal of the bank it should be forwarded in the enclosed envelope.

3. DESIGNATION OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO CAST VOTE OF MEMBER BANK. (Printed on white paper.)

This form is provided for the use of such banks as have not designated heretofore by resolution of their respective boards of directors an officer to cast the vote of the bank at an election. This designation continues until revoked, and may be made either by amendment to a bank's by-laws or by the adoption of a resolution by the board of directors. A form of resolution is printed on the blank provided. If this form of resolution is used, it should be signed by the designated officer, and by another officer; stamped with the seal of the bank; and returned in the enclosed envelope. Or, if the by-laws are amended, a copy of such amendment should be forwarded instead of the resolution. Designations already in effect are shown on the attached list. *If a member bank wishes to change its designation or if it has no designation now effective, the procedure given above should be followed; otherwise the form may be disregarded.*

On November 13 the period in which nominations of directors may be made will terminate and nominations received after twelve o'clock noon of that day will not be listed.

On November 15 there will be mailed to all member banks in the district for their information a list of those nominated for Class A and Class B directors, with the names of the banks nominating them. There will also be enclosed to all banks in Group 1, a preferential ballot, providing for the recording of first, second and other choices for a director of each class.

It is mandatory under the Federal Reserve Act that within fifteen days from the receipt of said list and ballot every member bank in Group 1 shall, by its duly authorized officer, record its vote.

On or about December 4 the results of the election will be announced.

Yours very truly,

PIERRE JAY,

Chairman.

Extracts from Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act as Amended

Every Federal reserve bank shall be conducted under the supervision and control of a board of directors. * * * * *

Such board of directors shall be selected as hereinafter specified and shall consist of nine members, holding office for three years, and divided into three classes, designated as classes A, B, and C.

Class A shall consist of three members, who shall be chosen by and be representative of the stock holding banks.

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.

Class C shall consist of three members who shall be designated by the Federal Reserve Board.***

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

No director of Class B shall be an officer, director, or employee of any bank.

No director of Class C shall be an officer, director, employee, or stockholder of any bank.

Directors of Class A and Class B shall be chosen in the following manner:

The Federal Reserve Board shall classify the member banks of the district into three general groups or divisions, designating each group by number. Each group shall consist as nearly as may be of banks of similar capitalization. Each member bank shall be permitted to nominate to the chairman of the board of directors of the Federal reserve bank of the district one candidate for director of Class A and one candidate for director of Class B. The candidates so nominated shall be listed by the chairman, indicating by whom nominated, and a copy of said list shall, within fifteen days after its completion, be furnished by the chairman to each member bank. Each member bank by a resolution of the board or by an amendment to its by-laws shall authorize its president, cashier, or some other officer to cast the vote of the member bank in the elections of Class A and Class B directors.

Within fifteen days after receipt of the list of candidates the duly authorized officer of a member bank shall certify to the chairman his first, second, and other choices for director of Class A and Class B, respectively, upon a preferential ballot upon a form furnished by the chairman of the board of directors of the Federal reserve bank of the district. Each such officer shall make a cross opposite the name of the first, second, and other choices for a director of Class A and for a director of Class B, but shall not vote more than one choice for any one candidate. 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.

Any candidate having a majority of all votes cast in the column of first choice shall be declared elected. If no candidate have a majority of all the votes in the first column, then there shall be added together the votes cast by the electors for such candidates in the second column and the votes cast for the several candidates in the first column. If any candidate then have a majority of the electors voting, by adding together the first and second choices, he shall be declared elected. If no candidate have a majority of electors voting when the first and second choices shall have been added, then the votes cast in the third column for other choices shall be added together in like manner, and the candidate then having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. An immediate report of election shall be declared.

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List of 66 Banks Composing Group 1, Second Federal Reserve District

CONNECTICUT

Place	Bank or Trust Company	Capital and Surplus	Designated Voting Officer
Bridgeport	First National Bank	\$3,500,000	

NEW JERSEY

Jersey City	Commercial Trust Company	\$2,500,000	William J. Field, Vice-President
	First National Bank	2,500,000	
	The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company	2,000,000	
Newark	Federal Trust Company	2,000,000	George T. Smith, President
	Fidelity Union Trust Company	7,000,000	C. W. Feigenspan, President
	Merchants & Manufacturers National Bank	2,700,000	
Passaic	National Newark & Essex Banking Company	3,500,000	Charles L. Farrell, President
	Passaic National Bank & Trust Company	2,000,000	
West Hoboken	Hudson Trust Company	2,000,000	James R. Ferrens, Vice-President

NEW YORK

Albany	National Commercial Bank & Trust Company	\$3,250,000	
	New York State National Bank	2,000,000	Ledyard Cogswell, President
Brooklyn	Brooklyn Trust Company	4,250,000	Edwin P. Maynard, President
	Manufacturers Trust Company	4,500,000	
	Mechanics Bank	2,850,000	Harry M. De Mott, President
Buffalo	Nassau National Bank	2,000,000	G. Foster Smith, President
	Peoples Trust Company	3,500,000	Charles A. Boody, President
	Buffalo Trust Company	2,500,000	
	Citizens Trust Company	2,500,000	Norman P. Clement, President
	Fidelity Trust Company	2,000,000	Merle H. Denison, Secretary
	Liberty Bank	4,000,000	John A. Kloefer, President
New York	Manufacturers & Traders National Bank	3,500,000	
	Marine Trust Company	17,000,000	
	American Exchange National Bank	10,000,000	Arthur P. Lee, Asst. Vice-Pres.
	Bankers Trust Company	35,000,000	B. W. Jones, Vice-President
	The Bank of America	11,000,000	
	Bank of the Manhattan Company	17,500,000	
	Bank of New York & Trust Company	12,000,000	
	Bank of United States	2,400,000	Charles A. Horne, Vice-President
	Battery Park National Bank	2,500,000	Elias A. de Lima, President
	Capitol National Bank	2,015,511	
	Central Union Trust Company	27,500,000	George W. Davison, President
	Chase National Bank	35,000,000	Alfred C. Andrews, Vice-President
	Chatham & Phenix National Bank	17,500,000	Richard H. Higgins, Vice-President
	Chemical National Bank	18,000,000	
	Coal & Iron National Bank	2,500,000	John T. Sproull, President
	Columbia Bank	3,000,000	
	Columbia Trust Company	11,000,000	Benj. L. Allen, Vice-President
	Corn Exchange Bank	15,750,000	Fredk. T. Martin, Vice-President
	Equitable Trust Company	26,500,000	William J. Eck, Secretary
	Farmers' Loan & Trust Company	15,000,000	Samuel Sloan, Vice-President
	Fidelity-International Trust Company	2,750,000	Samuel S. Conover, President
	Fifth Avenue Bank	2,500,000	Theodore Hetzler, President
	First National Bank	35,000,000	Francis L. Hine, President
	Garfield National Bank	2,000,000	Ruel W. Poor, President
	Gotham National Bank	2,850,000	
	Guaranty Trust Company	40,000,000	John J. Lewis, Vice-President
	Hanover National Bank	20,000,000	William Woodward, President
Importers & Traders National Bank	8,500,000	Edward Townsend, Vice-Pres.	
Irving National Bank	22,000,000	Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman	
Mechanics & Metals National Bank	20,000,000	Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman	
Metropolitan Trust Company	5,000,000		
National Bank of Commerce	50,000,000		
National City Bank	85,000,000		
National Park Bank	30,000,000	Gilbert G. Thorne, Vice-Pres.	
New York Trust Company	20,000,000		
Pacific Bank	2,500,000	O. H. Cheney, President	
Public National Bank	6,000,000		
Seaboard National Bank	10,000,000		
United States Mortgage & Trust Company	6,000,000	Chauncey H. Murphey, Vice-Pres.	
United States Trust Company	14,000,000	Williamson Pell, Vice-President	
Rochester	Lincoln-Alliance Bank	4,000,000	
Syracuse	City Bank Trust Company	3,000,000	
	First Trust & Deposit Company	3,500,000	
Utica	Syracuse Trust Company	2,250,000	James M. Gilbert, President
	First National Bank	2,500,000	Charles B. Rogers, President

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OF NEW YORK

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Registered Mail

November 15, 1922.

Election of Directors

To All Member Banks in Groups 2 and 3:

In accordance with the plan outlined in our Circular No. 497, you will find enclosed a copy of Circular No. 501 giving a list of nominations for Class A and Class B directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. No ballot is enclosed, inasmuch as this year's election is participated in only by banks in Group 1.

Mr. James S. Alexander and Mr. Charles A. Stone, whose terms expire December 31, have written me letters, copies of which are enclosed, requesting that the member banks be asked not to vote for them, and their names accordingly have not been placed upon the ballot.

Very truly yours,

PIERRE JAY,

Chairman.

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November 15, 1922.

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DEAR SIRs:

In accordance with the plan outlined in our Circular No. 497, you will find enclosed a copy of Circular No. 501 giving a list of nominations for Class A and Class B directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, together with a ballot for use in casting your vote in the election.

According to our record, you have already filed the necessary certificate designating one of your officers to cast your vote, so that all that remains to be done is to have the proper officer fill in and sign the ballot and mail it in the enclosed envelope within fifteen days after receipt. Inasmuch as the Federal Reserve Act is worded in such a way as to make it mandatory upon the member banks to vote, I hope this matter may have your prompt attention.

Mr. James S. Alexander and Mr. Charles A. Stone, whose terms expire December 31, have written me letters, copies of which are enclosed, requesting that the member banks be asked not to vote for them, and their names accordingly have not been placed upon the ballot.

Very truly yours,

PIERRE JAY,
Chairman.

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PREFERENTIAL BALLOT

For 1922 Election of Class A and Class B Directors by Member Banks of Group 1, Second Federal Reserve District

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO CAST VOTES OF MEMBER BANKS

The following instructions should be followed carefully. Failure to observe them may invalidate this ballot.

Your choice should be indicated by X marks in the spaces opposite the respective names of the nominees.

In order to be counted, this ballot, with the certificate signed by the officer authorized to cast the vote, must be returned to me within fifteen days from its receipt.

PIERRE JAY,

Chairman, Board of Directors.

Vote of Officer Authorized to Cast Vote for One Class A Director and One Class B Director

Indicate your votes in proper columns, thus (X).

Class A Director		Class B Director	
Name and Address of Candidate	X	Name and Address of Candidate	X
GATES W. McGARRAH, New York, N. Y.		OWEN D. YOUNG, New York, N. Y.	

November , 1922

To PIERRE JAY,

Chairman, Board of Directors,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act I hereby certify that my votes for a Class A and a Class B director respectively of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York are indicated thus (X) in the appropriate columns of this ballot.

Officer authorized to cast vote for

(Name of bank)

(Location of bank)

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**NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
IN NEW YORK**

ESTABLISHED 1839

CAPITAL SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS OVER FIFTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

November 14th, 1922.

Mr. Pierre Jay, Chairman of the Board,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
New York City.

DEAR MR. JAY:

You have advised me that I have been nominated by four member banks for Class A Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for a further period of three years.

Some time ago I requested the committee of the Bankers Associations that my name be not suggested for re-election, and I should now be glad if you would convey to the member banks my wish that I be not voted for in this election.

Very truly yours,

J. S. ALEXANDER.

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STONE & WEBSTER

120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK

November 15, 1922.

Pierre Jay, Esquire,
Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
15 Nassau Street, New York City.

MY DEAR MR. JAY:

As you know, I informed the committee representing the Bankers Associations of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that it would be impossible for me to serve for another term as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. I appreciate the action of certain member banks in nominating me in spite of this expression on my part, but as I must absolutely decline to serve, my name should not be placed upon the ballot.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES A. STONE.