OFFICE OF THE 2006 Election Committee

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

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To the Executive Board members, Brothers and Sisters of the IABPFF, I bid you all greetings.

As a proponent for a fair and effective election process, I have resumed the duties of Election Committee Chairperson. We will keep plugging along with the current process, while working the kinks out, together until we are content with its results or a more palatable process is culminated. In other words, full steam ahead!

I would like to officially announce that Candidate Nominations for National Offices shall begin at the Executive Council. Nominations will remain open *one month after* the close of the Council. This will accommodate for those not in attendance and those nominees that may decline subsequently. Also, this will prevent the reoccurrence of a vacated office with no incumbent or candidate slated to fill the position. Definitive information concerning declaration letters, biographical material, and credentialing will be presented at the Council.

Regional Directors and Chapter Presidents, please disseminate this information to your membership to allow for dialogue on these issues at your upcoming meeting (i.e. Spring Conferences). I will also need the names and email addresses of members appointed to serve on the 2006 Election Committee from each region. Let's all work together in order to prepare for a smooth, problem-free election process in 2006 (I am a hopeful romantic). I will email a second notice *one month prior* to the start of the Executive Council, as a reminder. If anyone has any questions, concerns, etc., please email me at teharris@egix.net or call me at (317) 347-9293. Thanks!

God's Peace,

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