ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN ARCHITECTS
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October 9, 2009

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From: OWA Steering Committee
To: All OWA Members
Re: 2009 OWA General Meeting to be held October 20, 2009

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OWA's 2009 General Meeting of Members will be held at the offices of Barcelon & Jang, 315 Bay Street, San Francisco (near Safeway, between Mason and Powell), on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, beginning at 6:30 pm.

This year's meeting will address three particularly significant matters, and your vote is important.

1. Election of new members to the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee currently has five members, and four of them have reached the end of their terms. The following individuals have been nominated to join the Steering Committee for the term of two years beginning January 2010, and each will be asked to give a brief statement at the General Meeting before voting begins:

Leslie Golden, Karleen Gullone, Mignon O'Young, and Gilda Puente-Peters.

2. Adoption of new Articles of Incorporation for OWA (copy enclosed)

OWA is a non-profit corporation, which like all corporations was created by filing with the State of California the Articles of Incorporation, a 'birth certificate' for the corporation. The current Articles were filed in 1978, more than 30 years ago, and the Articles have not been updated to reflect the current state of the laws or the current state of OWA. The Steering Committee has consulted with an attorney on this matter and recommends that OWA adopt updated Articles of Incorporation (copy enclosed).

The Steering Committee recommends approval of the new Articles of Incorporation.

3. Adoption of new Bylaws for OWA (copy enclosed)

In addition to the Articles of Incorporation (above), a corporation is required to have Bylaws, which set forth the manner in which OWA governs itself. The current Bylaws also date from 1978 and are similarly out of date with the law and current practice. The Steering Committee has worked to preserve the intentions and outlook of the current Bylaws in shaping the updated, proposed Bylaws (copy enclosed) for your approval.

The Steering Committee recommends approval of the new Bylaws.

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PLEASE ATTEND THE GENERAL MEETING AND VOTE.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE MAIL OR FAX YOUR PROXY (POWER TO VOTE).

A FORM OF PROXY IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE.

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