

New Officers for WLAA



WLAA Board of Directors

Dale Sorden (Class of 1953) was chosen President-elect of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association at its annual meeting on April 21. Irvin Charne assumed the office of President for 1979-80, replacing Tomas Russell (1967), who has served as president during 1978-79. Ed Reisner was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Tomas Russell, Patricia Colloton (1970), Milwaukee, Richard Olson (1959), Madison, were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Secretary of State Vel Phillips (1951), Milwaukee, was elected to the Board of Directors, to succeed Paul Van Valkenberg (1959), Minneapolis.

Lloyd Barbee (1956), John Fetzner (1951), Justice Nathan Heffernan (1948) were re-elected and State Representative Milton Lorman (1953), replaces Senator Carl Thompson (1939). Mark Bonaday (1973) was designated to succeed Lloyd Barbee as Chair-

man.

The joint meeting of the two Boards on April 21 provided an opportunity for discussion of the legislative proposal to establish a part-time law school. All agreed that an evening law school could not provide quality education without a substantial increase in the Law School budget. Irvin Charne, WLAA President, was authorized to present the Association's views to the Legislature at an appropriate time. Individual Board members were urged to contact their own representatives to discuss the implications of the part-time law school proposal.

WLAA Adopts Budget for 1979-80

Studies future of Benchers Society

The joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Visitors of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association, postponed until fall the further consideration of changes in the organization of the Benchers Society.

The Benchers Society, founded in 1962, is celebrating its 17th birthday this year. Originally, the Society had 100 members, each of whom contributed \$100 annually to the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association. In recent years, the number of memberships has been increased to 150, and the annual dues have been raised to \$150. There are 132 active members now. The Society has jealously guarded its rather exclusive nature.

The Benchers' revenue is allotted to the Dean annually, to be used at his discretion for the benefit of the Law School. In 1979-80, it is estimated that \$19,000 in money donated by the Benchers will be available for special projects, such as the Research-Development project which provides seed money for preparation of research proposals to the government or to foundations.

The Joint Boards will consider recommendations which would provide some tangible recognition of the services of the Benchers, as well as the possibility of providing life memberships for Benchers after many years of membership.

In addition to approving the proposed allocation of the Benchers funds, the Board of Directors budgeted, for various purposes, a total anticipated revenue of \$39,800 in the Law Alumni Fund and a total of \$3,900 from special endowment funds administered by the Association.