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THE HARVARD COLLEGE DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCE THEIR 2006–2007 EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Harvard College Democrats are pleased to announce their newly-elected board for the 2006-2007 year after an intense electoral meeting lasting over three hours involving over two hundred voters. The new board is made up of a diverse group of committed Democrats, including a majority of women for the first time in recent memory.

Members of the new board include:

- **Brigit M. Helgen '08, *President*.** Brigit is a religion and government concentrator in Mather House, and follows in a line of female presidents of the Harvard College Democrats that traces back to Hillary Clinton's campaign director. Brigit ran on a platform strongly focused on elevating the Harvard College Democrats to national prominence.
- **Harlan M. Piper '08, *Vice President*.** Brigit's running mate Harlan is a social studies concentrator in Currier House.
- **Anne P. Steptoe '09, *Treasurer*.** Anne is a classics concentrator in Currier House.
- **Garrett G. D. Nelson '09, *Communications Director*.** Garrett is a social studies and visual and environmental studies concentrator in Cabot House.
- **Indira Phukan '09, *Membership Director*.** Indira is a history concentrator in Cabot House.
- **Jarret A. Zafran '09, *Legislative Director*.** Jarret is a social studies concentrator in Leverett house.
- **Jillian K. Swencionis '08, *Political Director*.** Jill is a social studies and psychology concentrator in Dunster House.
- **Elizabeth B. Hadaway '09, *Events Director*.** Elizabeth is an English concentrator in Pforzheimer House.
- **Maryellen C. McGowan '09, *Campaigns Director*.** Mel is a government concentrator in Pforzheimer House.
- **Markus R. T. Kolic '09, *Secretary*.** Markus is a government concentrator in Mather House.

The new board brings a spirit of energy and activity to the Harvard College Democrats, with each candidate in some fashion outlining a plan to strengthen the organization from within and to take the momentum built up over the past few years and commit it to the national political scene.

"It's an honor to hand the reigns to Brigit," said Eric P. Lesser '07, the outgoing President. "She'll do a terrific job handling the transition from campaigning to governing."

The election of the new board puts the Harvard College Democrats in a prime position to solidify their reputation as the preeminent political muscle on Harvard's campus.

The Harvard College Democrats are the largest partisan political organization at Harvard University. With extensive campaign efforts, numerous events every week, the Dem Apples blog, and over three hundred active members, the Harvard College Democrats are a powerful and expanding group of undergraduates. For more, visit www.harvarddems.com or contact Garrett Dash Nelson at communications@harvarddems.com.