



American Academy of Periodontology Election FAQs Board of Trustees

Which positions are voted on in the AAP election?

- The Academy holds an annual election for both National and District level positions, including:
 - National: AAP Secretary/Treasurer; American Board of Periodontology (ABP) Director(s)
 - District: AAP Board of Trustees; AAP Officer Nominating Committee; and the Nominating Committee for the ABP
- Note: District positions on the ballot may vary year to year, due to positions having staggered terms. It is not uncommon for a District to have no vacancies in a year. National level positions will have vacancies every year.

When does the AAP campaign period run?

- The AAP Election campaign period runs from January 1 until June 30.

How is the AAP campaign managed?

- The Election Oversight Committee (EOC) is the regulatory body which ensures all candidates remain within the Academy's election guidelines. The EOC consists of Senior District Trustees. Any Trustees currently running for re-election are ineligible to serve on the EOC.
- Administrative support for both the campaign period as well as the election comes from the AAP Central Office
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Are mass communications permitted throughout the campaign period?

- All candidates are permitted to send up to three electronic communications to their constituents throughout the campaign period (one each in the months of April, May and June).
- These messages are reviewed and vetted by the EOC to ensure they adhere to the Academy's rules and regulations. Any additional mass communications, sent by or campaigning on behalf of the candidate, violate Academy policy.
- A mass communication is defined as a communication that is sent simultaneously or nearly simultaneously to five or more members of the Academy.

- If you are not interested in receiving any campaign related communications, you can opt out on the website or click 'unsubscribe' at the bottom of any campaign related messages.

What if I receive a mass communication not sent by a candidate?

- In the event you receive a mass communication outside of the permitted campaign messages, please notify the AAP Executive Director, who will share the incident with the EOC for review.
- The only mass communications that are permitted throughout the campaign period are the three messages from the candidates themselves. These messages will be routed from a perio.org email domain.

Where can I find additional information on candidates?

- In addition to the three communications, candidates will each be featured in a Bio booklet that is sent with all member ballots. The Bio book includes each candidate's education, professional history and candidate statement.
- Candidate CVs will be made available on the website as available.
- AAP Officer candidates will also have features published both in-print and online in the first quarter issue of *Periospectives*.

When is the AAP election held?

- The AAP Election takes place from June 1 – June 30.

How can I vote?

- The independent election vendor, Survey Ballot Systems, manages the administration of the election process, including the distribution, collection and tallying of the votes.
- All Active and Life Active members will receive a ballot no later than May 31 in the mail. Along with a physical paper ballot, the package will also include a candidate bio booklet including additional information on candidates' educational and professional backgrounds and qualifications.
- Members have the option of casting their vote either online or by returning the paper ballot to Survey Ballot Systems by June 30.
- To vote online, members simply use the unique electronic passcode included on their mailed paper ballot along with their member ID number to cast their votes.

When will the election results be announced?

- Election results will be reported no later than July 15 via an email communication from the Academy, as well as posted on the website and published in the third quarter issue of *Periospectives*.

Are there any conflicts with Trustee candidates who are seeking re-election and their current Board duties?

- Trustee candidates must be willing to put aside personal philosophies and biases when functioning as a trustee of the Board.

As a Trustee, can I campaign on behalf of any candidates?

- Current officers, Trustees, and members of the Officer Nominating Committee may not campaign for or against specific candidates. They may not solicit petitions for candidates. However, they may offer advice privately to candidates. If asked, they may advise individual Academy members of their opinions regarding specific candidates.
- Trustees and members of the Academy may support or oppose specific candidates but may not send any mass communication relating to the election.
- District Trustee e-mails may not be used to support or oppose specific candidates.

What happens in the event of a tie?

- In the event of a tie, the Board of Trustees casts the deciding ballots.

When does the Board receive the results of the election?

- Following notification to the candidates, results are reported to the Board of Trustees and staff. This typically takes place the first or second week of July, no later than July 15.

When do newly elected Trustee terms begin?

- Newly-elected and re-elected officers and district trustees are installed at the General Assembly meeting that is held at the AAP Annual Meeting.