



American Academy of Periodontology

Election FAQs

Active and Life Active Members

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
 - Governance Director: Eileen Loranger – eileen@perio.org; (312) 573-3253
 - Governance Manager: Jodi Sassana – jodi@perio.org; (312) 573-3265

As a member, what can I expect 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. Officers, Trustees, Members, family members of candidates, third party vendors and state and regional societies are not permitted to send mass communications on behalf of a candidate.

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*.

I am interested in running for a position in next year's election. What do I need to do?

- The Academy is always eager to expand its leadership! We recommend reaching out to your District Trustees throughout the year and voicing your interest. The District Nominating Committees often convene at the Annual Meeting to finalize their respective ballots, although the work begins prior to the meeting. It's a good idea to also attend your District Forums at the Annual Meeting and share your interest in getting involved.
- Members interested in running for an Officer position must submit a candidate application form by August 31 each year.
- Additional information on the nomination and election process can be found on the website at www.perio.org.