



American Academy of Periodontology Election FAQs State and Regional Societies

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.
- Administrative support for both the campaign period as well as the election comes from the AAP Central Office
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What activities are permitted throughout the campaign period?

- All candidates are permitted to send up to three electronic mass 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.
- ***We ask that no state or regional society send any mass communications supporting or opposing any 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 Academy member ballots. The Bio book includes each candidate's education, professional history and candidate statement.
- Candidate CVs will be made available on the Academy website if provided by the candidate.
- AAP Officer candidates will also have features published both in-print and online in the first quarter issue of *Perispectives*.

When is the AAP election held?

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

When will the election results be announced?

- Election results will be reported no later than July 15 via an email communication to members from the Academy, as well as posted on the Academy website and published in the third quarter issue of *Perispectives*. Elected members are installed at the AAP Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.

Are State and Regional Societies permitted to invite Candidates to Speak?

- Candidates who are invited to speak at a regional or state society business meeting or forum may mention their candidacy, discuss issues confronting the Academy and its members, and set forth the candidate's position on those issues.