

Call for Nominations For Board of Trustees

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is inviting nominations for its Board of Trustees for 2013. The success of the Academy depends on the personal commitment and active involvement of a select group of dedicated individuals, who understand the privilege to serve and the responsibility to lead.

Nomination Requirements & Process

Nominees are required to be Fellows of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Board nominees should be able to demonstrate experience in performing fiduciary duties at the non-profit level and making high-level budgetary, contractual or other executive decisions. Board nominees should be available to attend several meetings held annually.

The Academy's leaders should be knowledgeable, experienced, and prepared to devote the time and energy required by a large organization in these challenging times. This work is both demanding and rewarding for those interested in helping to assure the Academy's success and responsiveness to members. With these characteristics in mind, assist the Nominating Committee by suggesting appropriate candidates for the following positions in 2013:

- **President-elect** (to serve as president in 2014). As the president-elect automatically becomes president the following year, it is crucial that nominees should be individuals who have had leadership experience within the Academy. They also should have demonstrated leadership qualities in clinical practice, in their own ophthalmic communities, and in other medical or ophthalmological organizations.
- **Senior Secretary for Clinical Education** (three-year term). This senior secretary coordinates the programs and activities of the Academy's clinical education, quality of care and knowledge base development groups.
- **Two Trustees-at-large** (four-year term). These individuals should be Academy fellows or life fellows who are especially attuned to the needs and expectations of our members. In addition to demonstrating strong leadership potential, as part of the Academy leadership they should be able to represent and articulate to the Academy Board the needs and concerns of our members.
- **One International Trustee-at-Large*** (three year term). This individual should be an Academy International Member or a Fellow or Member who practices exclusively outside of the United States. They should have a strong affinity for the Academy and broad experience and understanding of their native region. This individual should be able to represent and articulate to the Academy board the perspective of international members.
- **Public trustee*** (a renewable three-year term). The bylaws allow the board to appoint up to three public trustees. We currently are well served by Mr. Humphrey Taylor and Dr. Paul Ginsburg. Mr. Taylor is Chairman of Harris Interactive and is serving the first year of his seventh term. Dr. Ginsburg, nationally known economist and health policy expert, is president of Center for Studying Health System Change and is serving the second year of his third term.

They do, however, provide insight on how ophthalmology can better work with the rest of medicine, the public, government and industry. A public trustee should not be an ophthalmologist, but should be someone who is familiar with and has a personal interest in current medical issues. The Nominating Committee will be pleased to receive your suggestions for appropriate individuals, which may include physicians from other medical specialties, or leaders in industry, government, public policy or advocacy.

**International and public trustees do not vote on Academy governance, the budget or other programmatic issues.*

Nominating Committee

The Academy's Nominating Committee, chaired by past president, Dr. Richard Abbott, will review nominations. The Nominating Committee represents a variety of interests within the Academy, and is charged with identifying appropriate candidates for the open positions on the 2013 Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee is especially interested in cultivating leaders who have a clear vision of the future of organized medicine, and who reflect the strength and diversity of its members.

Submission Process

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit nominations, including self-nominations. It is suggested that a nomination statement of up to 200 words be provided detailing why you feel this person would be a good candidate. This information would be beneficial for the Nominating Committee's deliberations. Additional statements from others in support of your nominee are not necessary. If needed, the Nominating Committee will seek out additional information regarding nominees during the deliberation process.

Trustees will be selected by the Academy Board of Trustees in accordance with the Academy's Bylaws. New board members will be announced December, 2012.

Nominations must be submitted before January 31, 2012.

Please contact the Academy by email or via fax:

American Academy of Ophthalmology Nominating Committee
Fax: (415) 561-8526 Email: nominate@aao.org

Additional Information

For complete information on the Academy's Board of Trustees go to:
<http://www.aao.org/bot>

2013 Board of Trustees Nomination Form



Please Select One Position Per Application

PRESIDENT-ELECT SR. SECRETARY FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE PUBLIC TRUSTEE

Nominee

Name of Nominee:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-mail:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

Nominated By

Name of Nominator:

Member ID#:

Organization:

E-mail:

Phone:

Fax:

Suggested Supporting Document

- Statement/Letter of Support – including bio information (why you are nominating this person)

DEADLINE: January 31, 2012

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Statement of Support (up to 200 words)