



## **SDPA Leadership Nomination and Election Information**

Nominations and applications for SDPA's elected leadership roles are overseen by the SDPA Nominating Committee with assistance from SDPA staff. Nominations and applications are accepted by the Nominating Committee during the last two months of each year, after which they will meet to determine candidate eligibility before finalizing the list of candidates for each open leadership role. The candidates are then presented to the membership when the online election open in early spring.

If you are interested in submitting a nomination or application, please visit [this page](#). For more information on volunteering as an SDPA leader, please visit [this page](#).

### **Elected Leadership Roles, Terms and Qualifications**

While committee chairs and one seat on the Nominating Committee are appointed roles, the remainder of SDPA's leaders are chosen by the SDPA Fellow membership through our annual online election taking place each spring. Most of these roles serve in 2-year terms and only appear on the ballot alternating years.

The following SDPA leadership roles are elected by SDPA Fellow members for 2-year terms (except President-Elect) starting on July 1 after their election. Individuals seeking election to any of these positions must be an SDPA Fellow member in good standing and also a member of the AAPA. Additional qualifications are noted:

- **President-Elect**
  - Serves a 3-Year term on the Board of Directors first as President-Elect, then as President, and finally as Past President for one year each.
  - Candidates must have been an SDPA member for at least the last 3 years and a fellow member for at least the last two years.
  - By the date the candidate would, if elected, take office, the candidate must have completed three (3) distinct full years of leadership within SDPA, including a minimum of two (2) full years of service on the SDPA Board of Directors.
- **Vice President**
  - Serves with other board leadership on the Executive Committee and is elected in years alternating with the Secretary-Treasurer role.
- **Secretary-Treasurer**
  - Serves with other board leadership on the Executive Committee and is elected in years alternating with the Vice President role.
- **Director-At-Large**

- Two seats of four are elected each year to serve as members of the SDPA Board of Directors.
- House of Delegates Junior
  - Elected each year to support the HOD Senior as SDPA's alternate delegate to the AAPA's House of Delegates.
  - Rises to the HOD Senior position for their second year of service in this role.
- Nominating Committee Member
  - One member of the SDPA Nominating Committee is elected every two years to serve along with the committee's chair and an appointed member.

### **Nomination and Election Timeline**

The exact dates and deadlines for the annual nominations and election process will be determined by the SDPA Nominating Committee each year. Here are the key dates for the 2025 SDPA Leadership Elections:

- Friday, November 22: Nomination Form Opens
- Monday, December 9: Nomination Form Closes
- Tuesday, December 10: Application Form Open to All Eligible Members
- Tuesday, January 7: Application Form Closes
- January: SDPA Nominating Committee reviews application materials and determines eligibility for the final list of candidates
- Late January: Candidates are notified with request for additional materials for the election webpage
- Thursday, February 6: Candidate Election Webpage Materials Due
- Thursday, February 13: Election Opens
- Thursday, March 13: Election Closes
- Week of March 17: Winners Announced