Governing Council Details & Requirements

A nominee's hospital or system must be a member of AHA and should offer at least one service in the behavioral health care continuum, which may include adult, child and adolescent, and/or geriatric psychiatric or addiction treatment programs offered via inpatient, outpatient, partial, residential, and/or intensive outpatient services.

We are specifically seeking the following categories of candidates:

- Ethnically diverse candidates
- Women
- CEO of a Psychiatric Hospital
- CEO or Senior Executive, of a general hospital/health care system with behavioral health
- Executive in Behavioral Health with degree in Nursing or Social Work.
- Executive or Clinician specializing in addiction services
- Executive or Clinician from a Federal Hospital providing behavioral health services

Regional Needs:

- Candidates from AHA Regions 3 & 9 are **greatly** needed Regional Map
- Candidates from Regions 2, 5, 6 and 7 are strongly needed
- There is **not** a great need for nominees for Council seats from Regions 1, 4 & 8 however if you have a strong candidate from one of these regions who falls into one or more of the categories (above), please submit their information. As with all Boards, members' professional careers may change direction, often creating an unanticipated opening on the Governing Council.

If elected, the candidate would serve a 3-year term, January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019. Council members attend three, 2-day meetings each year— historically one meeting is held in Chicago, and another in DC, with the summer meeting held in various cities across the US. The meetings usually start at noon on day one and adjourn no later than noon on day two, so that most members only have to be away from work & family for one night. AHA covers all expenses related to council travel.

AHA Board Appointed Liaison Details & Requirement

The potential candidates for the governance openings below should have a clinical background, and can come from any part of the country. So if you have a psychiatrist who you've been trying to get involved in AHA governance, this may be a good opportunity.

One Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to an RPB

The Section has two delegate/alternate delegate seats that rotate across AHA's Regional Policy Board. Currently one delegate/alternate sits on RPB 1, and RPB 9. The terms of the delegate/alternate delegate on RPB 1 ends Dec. 31, 2016. At this time circumstance may permit us to move from RBP 1 to another RPB. So nominees are welcome from across the country

Section Delegate/Alternate Delegate to an RPB

- Must meet the same qualifications of the Governing Council members
- Three year term Jan. 1, 2017- Dec. 31, 2019;
- Three meetings per year and travel expenses covered by AHA

AHA Liaison to the Committees of the American Psychiatric Association

- Must meet the same qualifications of the Governing Council members
- Must be an active member of the American Psychiatric Association
- One year term Jan. 1, 2017- Dec. 31, 2017;
- Three/Four meetings per year and travel expenses covered by AHA
- AHA staff, and the Governing Council are available for input and guidance on issues that the APA Committees address

AHA Liaison to the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse Advisory Council

- Must meet the same qualifications of the Governing Council members
- Should have a background in addictions
- One year term Jan. 1, 2017- Dec. 31, 2017;
- Three/Four meetings per year and travel expenses covered by AHA

Deadline: Complete the online form, and provide requested support materials no later than, Friday, May 6th.