

ACNM 2019-2020 Election Cycle

Vice President, Board of Directors

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As the Vice President:

- a. Substitute for the President as needed.
- b. Communicate Board charges to divisions and committees.
- c. Serve on the Executive Committee, as Chair for the Volunteer Leadership Council and as a liaison to selected groups.
- d. Coordinate with national office staff on work priorities.
- e. Report on issues related to the work of the volunteer structure, internal and external stakeholders.
- f. Respond to ACNM members or related constituent inquiries.
- g. Provide input for documents as requested.
- h. Represent ACNM to agencies and organizations external to ACNM related to the work of ACNM.

Tenure of Appointment:

All voting members of the Board shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) years. *NOTE: The term of the President-Elect is three (3) years; one (1) year as President-Elect and two (2) years as President. Each member shall serve until a successor is elected and assumes office. Each of the Regions is expected to elect a Regional Representative, who shall adhere to all terms concerning members of the Board. Members of the Board shall take office at the Board meeting following the Annual Business Meeting at which their election is declared. No voting member of the Board shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, or seven (7) consecutive years, whichever is the longer duration. After two (2) consecutive terms, each Board member, except the President, is eligible again for service on the Board after one (1) year has elapsed from the end of service. The President is limited to one three-year (3) term at a time, one (1) year as President-Elect, and two (2) years as President. After three (3) years have lapsed from the end of service, a former President is eligible to serve as President-Elect/President again for one additional term. The terms of the voting members of the Board shall be staggered to ensure that approximately one-third of the positions expire each year.

Regional Representative, Board of Directors (Regions IV, V, and VII)

IV	V	VII
Arkansas	Iowa	Alaska
Illinois	Kansas	California
Indiana	Minnesota	Hawaii
Kentucky	Nebraska	Idaho
Michigan	North Dakota	Nevada
Missouri	Oklahoma	Oregon
Ohio	South Dakota	Washington
	Wisconsin	Uniformed Services
		Samoa
		Guam

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As a Board Member:

- a. Communicate Board charges to divisions and committees.
- b. Serve as a liaison to selected groups.
- c. Coordinate with national office staff on work priorities.
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As a Regional Representative:

- a. Maintain regular contact with their local members to assess the needs of local members and to consider the good of the organization in all their votes; report quarterly to ACNM Board
Serve as liaisons to ACNM Divisions, Committees and collegial organizations.
- b. Conduct a regional meeting during the ACNM Annual Meeting and may attend/organize other meetings throughout their region.
- c. Contribute to Quickening, present the Exemplary Affiliate Award, coordinate the "With women, for a lifetime" commendation and communicate on a regular basis with members of their region.
- d. Adhere to all terms concerning members of the Board.

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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall oversee and supervise the nomination and election process for members of the Board of Directors (BOD) and members of the Nominating Committee in accord with American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall promulgate policies to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place for the selection and presentation of qualified nominees to the membership. (Article XIII Section A.1.a.) The Nominating Committee is a member committee of the ACNM. The Nominating Committee structure and function can only be changed by amendment to the ACNM Bylaws. (Article XI, Section B)

The Nominating Committee:

- a. Is comprised of six members voted by eligible voters.
- b. Facilitates identification and evaluation of eligible college members to fill vacancies on ACNM Board (i.e. the President Elect).
- c. No collaboration between the committee and Board currently exists.
- d. Chairperson must be a member who has served at least one (1) year.
- e. Members serve a three (3) year term for a total of two (2) consecutive terms.
- f. Two (2) committee members are elected each year.
- g. Current Nominating Committee members are not eligible for any open Board position.

General Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee:

- a. Prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership, the Nominating Committee shall choose the Chairperson from among those members who have served at least 1 year.
- b. Prepare the Consent to Serve (CTS) documents for candidates.
- c. Determine the election timeline and deadline to receive Consents to serve and CVs from potential candidates.
- d. Solicit potential candidates from the membership
- e. Construct a ballot and questionnaire.
- f. Maintain confidentiality: Name of all nominees are kept confidential.

Election Process Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee:

- a. Nominating Committee selects a slate of candidates.
- b. Nominating Committee chair sends a letter/email of notification of selections and the information regarding necessary submissions and deadlines.
- c. Nominating Committee chair notifies candidates who are not selected.
- d. Presentation of candidates to the membership
- e. Nominating Committee assists the National Office in completion of candidate.