

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2010 NPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In January 2010, the National Physicians Alliance will select new leaders for five open positions on the Board of Directors. All interested members of NPA are encouraged to apply. The office of Treasurer as well as two elected and two appointed positions are available on the Board of Directors this year. While the position of Treasurer is generally a four-year term, this appointment will be for only one year in order to fill a short-term vacancy. The two elected terms and one appointed term will be for four years, and the other appointed term will be for two years. Applicants must be NPA members. (To review your dues history and member profile, [click here](#).) We strongly encourage you to consider these NPA leadership opportunities during this historic period of interest in our nation's health care system. Applications are currently being accepted through December 2nd.

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ELECTION/APPOINTMENT TIMELINE:

November 8 - December 2, 2009, 5pm EST: online applications accepted

December 7 - 22, 2009, 5pm EST: online ballot open for elected board positions

January 12, 2010: applicants for board positions will be notified of results

March 13-15, 2010: NPA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA (Board members expected to attend)

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OVERVIEW OF NPA LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

The NPA leadership is composed of a 19-member Board of Directors and 7 Committees. Members of the board serve staggered four-year terms. Committee members serve three-year terms. NPA committees (Membership, Finance & Development, Meetings & Retreats, Communications, Ethics, Policy, and Organizational Structure) will accept applications separately beginning January 1st.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is the policy-making body for the Association, oversees the work of the chief executive officer of the Association, and exercises general supervision over the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors shall have authority to take such actions as are necessary for the conduct of the Association's affairs in accordance with the Bylaws. Each Director is assigned to serve on one committee as determined by the organization's needs and the interests of the Board member.

TREASURER

The National Physicians Alliance will appoint a Treasurer to serve on the Board of Directors for one year. The NPA welcomes applications from dedicated, passionate physicians from the membership who are ready and willing to serve the organization at the leadership level.

Description of the Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Directors and Co-chair of the Finance and Development Committee. He or she shall have final responsibility for writing the budget of the association, and, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall oversee the expenditures of the association; serve as the primary liaison between the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the association with regard to financial affairs; and prepare an annual financial report for the membership. The Treasurer is expected to attend all annual board meetings beginning in March 2010, attend 2 additional meetings per year, and participate in conference calls quarterly and as needed. As a member of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer will share fiduciary responsibility for the organization, which includes fundraising. It is anticipated that Directors will be responsible for a portion of their travel costs to meetings. The NPA will reimburse travel expenses as it is financially able.

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ELECTED BOARD POSITIONS

The National Physicians Alliance will elect two at-large physician members to serve on the Board of Directors for four-year terms. The NPA welcomes applications from dedicated, passionate physicians from the membership who are ready and willing to serve the organization at the leadership level.

Description of At-Large Elected Board Positions - Elected by the membership, there are eight at-large members of the Board of Directors. Each at-large Director serves a four-year term. Directors are expected to serve on one Committee, attend all annual board meetings beginning in March 2010, attend 2 additional meetings per year, and participate in conference calls quarterly and as needed. Directors have fiduciary responsibility for the organization, which includes fundraising. It is anticipated that Directors will be responsible for a portion of their travel costs to meetings. The NPA will reimburse travel expenses as it is financially able.

If you have questions about these positions, please contact structure@npalliance.org.

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APPOINTED BOARD POSITIONS

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Description of Appointed Board Member Positions - There are 5 appointed members of the Board of Directors. Each Appointed Board Member serves a four-year term. The current Board of Directors will appoint new members to the Board of Directors paying attention to the diversity of the board including, but not limited to, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, geographic location, practice type and specialty. Appointed directors are expected to serve on one Committee, attend all annual board meetings beginning in March 2010, attend 2 additional meetings per year, and participate in conference calls quarterly and as needed. Directors have fiduciary responsibility for the organization, which includes fundraising. It is anticipated that Directors will be responsible for a portion of their travel costs to meetings. The NPA will reimburse travel as it is financially able.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR BOARD POSITIONS:

To apply, please submit:

*a letter of interest, not to exceed 350 words. The letter of interest should include a brief biography, a description of why the candidate is interested and what skills and experiences the candidate brings to the position

*a current *Curriculum Vitae*, limited to 4 pages

NOTE: CV's for candidates for election positions will be posted on the NPA website; please do not include personal information you wish to keep private.

Applications must be received by December 2, 2009, 5pm EST. Please submit information to npa@npalliance.org with the subject line "applications."

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ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

It is our goal to conduct elections which are fair, honorable, and professional. We feel that campaigning for or against a candidate is outside of the bounds of such an election. This code of conduct shall apply to all candidates for elected positions within the National Physicians Alliance, as well as all members. In the case that this code fails to specify what is or is not permissible, it is expected that all those involved in elections will behave in a manner consistent with the previously stated goal of fair, honorable, and professional elections.

1. There shall be no distribution of written or electronic campaign materials outside of officially sanctioned NPA election website, forums or blogs.
2. No form of print, electronic, or other mass communication (NPA or other) will be utilized by any candidate or his/her representative in efforts to "campaign" for or against a candidate with the general membership beyond those areas designated by the NPA.
3. Receptions and/or hospitality should not be used for promotion of a candidate.
4. If offering opinions about candidates for office, members of the NPA national leadership shall offer only personal opinions and indicate that they do not speak on behalf of the National Physicians Alliance.

Any member who has grave ethical, professional, or other concerns about a candidate should contact the elections committee.

Any allegation of misconduct regarding a candidate or member shall be submitted to the elections committee, who will then determine the appropriate course of action.

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