



Frequently Asked Questions – NAEA Board of Directors

What is the time commitment required of a Board member?

Service on the Board requires approximately 200 hours per year. The Board convenes for a minimum of three meetings per year. Whether the meetings are held in person or virtually, they are preceded by a series of workshops. Additionally, Board members may also serve as committee members or chairs, and are expected to spend time interacting with members to better understand and represent their needs.

Do Board members receive any compensation?

Board members are not compensated but may receive a per diem or stipend while attending in-person Board meetings. NAEA may cover the cost of transportation and hotel accommodations in accordance with its current reimbursement policy.

What are the minimum eligibility requirements to run for the Board?

Only members in good standing are eligible to serve on the Board. There are no specific educational requirements. Potential candidates are not required to serve as affiliate leaders or on national committees before running for the Board, however, it is beneficial for potential nominees to be active and have a good understanding of NAEA's strategic priorities.

What is the candidate process and how long does it take?

The process begins when nominations open in the spring or summer. Those interested may nominate themselves, or be nominated by other members. All those who are nominated will be asked to complete a written application. Those who complete the written application will then be interviewed by the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees that is approved by the nominating committee will be submitted to the membership. Those who are not included on the slate, but who have completed the written application and interview, may choose to run “from the floor” by requesting that their name be included on the ballot as a candidate. The members will vote via electronic ballot in early December. Those who are elected will be installed to the Board the following May.

What are the qualities and attributes of a successful Board member?

Board members should be forward thinking and strategic. They should be open minded and work well with others, as well as capable of making decisions based on what is best for the organization. Some other nonprofit board experience is helpful, but not required.

What is the role of the Board?

It is the duty of the Board to establish the strategic vision for the association, provide oversight, and fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to the membership.

How many Board members serve NAEA?

The NAEA Board is composed of 10 directors, a secretary, a treasurer, a president-elect, an immediate past president, and a president. Board members are elected to serve a two-year term and may run for re-election for a second term.