



## 2018 Board of Directors Election

### Position Descriptions

Guidance on the roles and responsibilities and key interests and capabilities for the 2018-2019 open positions are provided by the Board of Directors based on the Board's analysis of current projects, including ongoing Board positions and mission-related initiatives.

#### President-Elect

##### Roles and Responsibilities for the position:

During their three-year term, the President-Elect serves for one year in that role (2018-2019), then for one year as President (2019-2020), followed by one year as Past President (2020-2021).

Over the course of their three-year term, the President attends Board Meetings, Council Meetings, Management Team Meetings, Section and Region Meetings, as well as meetings beyond the AAA when asked to do so. They also serve as Board of Director Liaison on various Committees and present at several assigned AAA meetings each year.

The President-Elect is a key member of the AAA's leadership team, playing a major role in supporting ongoing strategic initiatives and further developing the AAA's strategy. Specifically, the President-Elect participates on the Board of Directors and as a leader and member of the Management Team. The President-Elect also serves on the Finance Committee, and as an *ex-officio* member of the Governance Committee.

Once President, responsibilities focus on leading the Management Team's discussions of the strategic direction of the Association. The President chairs the Board of Directors and presides at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association. Except for committee members appointed by the Council and previously appointed to terms that have not yet expired, the President and Management Team have authority to appoint members to committees and task forces, and to remove members of committees and task forces (as described in the AAA Bylaws).

Past Presidents serve on the Management Team, the Nominations Committee, and the Finance Committee, among other roles - continuing to sustain strategic initiatives of the Association and provide continuity and cohesion among the Board of Directors.

##### Guidance from the Board of Directors on key interests and capabilities for the position:

- Candidates should embrace the American Accounting Association's vision to be Thought Leaders in Accounting that was established in 2007 and reviewed and reconfirmed by the 2012-2014 Sharpening Our Vision Task Force. The President-Elect position will continue implementation of the next strategic steps of this vision to expand its reach to serve society, through the creation of four interrelated centers: The Center for Advancing Accounting Education, Research, Practice, and in the Public Interest.
- Given the need to hit the ground running, a strong preference will be given to candidates who have previous Board of Director experience. Candidates should exhibit:
  - a strong interest and experience in accounting scholarship and teaching,
  - a global perspective,
  - highly effective communication and presentation skills
- Candidates should have an interest in focusing on the needs of members who may currently be under-engaged (e.g. Professionally Oriented Faculty, Global Scholars, Two-Year Faculty, and Doctoral Students).
- The President-Elect should have enthusiasm in continuing to focus on understanding and engaging our communities, enhancing our core operations and expanding our offerings to members. A global mindset and appreciation for and connections with colleagues in practice is important.
- Candidates for this Board position will be placed on the ballot by the AAA Nominations Committee.

## Vice President-Research & Publications

### Roles and Responsibilities for the position:

The Vice President-Research & Publications is responsible for oversight and development of programs that advance accounting research and publications. While serving on the Board, the Vice President chairs the standing Research Committee, serves as a member of the standing Publications Committee, and attends Board and Council meetings.

As liaison between the Board of Directors and these important committees, and committees and task forces designated by the AAA Management Team related to accounting scholarship, the Vice President-Research & Publications serves as liaison to key Association projects and initiatives. This position currently serves as liaison to a number of committees making Association-wide awards for research including Competitive Manuscript Award, both Notable and Distinguished Contribution to Accounting Literature Awards Screening and Selection Committees, and the Deloitte Foundation Wildman Medal Award. New roles for this position are identified by the Board as priorities emerge, such as publications ethics, publications policies, and new research monographs.

When appropriate, the Vice President may interact with the Research and Publications Directors of other national and international accounting organizations.

The Vice President-Research & Publications serves a three-year term (2018-2021).

### Guidance from the Board on key interests and capabilities for the position:

- Candidates should embrace the American Accounting Association's vision to be Thought Leaders in Accounting that was established in 2007 and reviewed and reconfirmed by the 2012-2014 Sharpening Our Vision Task Force. The Vice President-Research & Publications position will continue implementation of the next strategic steps of this vision to expand its reach to serve society, through the creation of four interrelated centers: The Center for Advancing Accounting Education, Research, Practice, and in the Public Interest.
- Candidates for this position should be enthusiastic about developing and leading research and publications initiatives related to an expansive set of opportunities to support the AAA mission of being Thought Leaders in Accounting.
- Candidates should have strong leadership skills, experience in a range of Association activities, particularly in editorial, author, and reviewer roles.
- Candidates would ideally have knowledge and experience with the rapidly changing environment in scholarly publishing.
- Candidates for this Board position will be placed on the ballot by the AAA Nominations Committee.

## Director-Focusing on Segments

### Roles and Responsibilities for the position:

The Director-Focusing on Segments works with Section and Region leaders, as well as the AAA Professional Staff, to support and enhance the segments (a term which includes all sections and regions) of the Association. Activities involve developing initiatives and sharing best practices that contribute to segment sustainability and growth – such as maximizing the effectiveness of segment leadership, establishing volunteer pipelines, creating engaging meetings, building membership, and ensuring meaningful interaction with professionals. These activities are shared through, and often grown from, bi-monthly webinars and an annual two-hour workshop, modes of communication and collaboration between the Director, AAA Professional Staff, and Segment leaders that have become established, successful activities. This Director is also a member of the Strategic Regions Leadership Committee which is charged with monitoring and maintaining the strategic plan of the Region Program. In addition, this Director advises the AAA Board on segment-related issues.

The Director-Focusing on Segments will be a liaison between the Board and Segment Leaders and will attend Board and Council meetings.

The Director-Focusing on Segments serves a three-year term (2018–2021).

### Guidance from the Board on key interests and capabilities for the position:

- Candidates should embrace the American Accounting Association's vision to be Thought Leaders in Accounting that was established in 2007 and reviewed and reconfirmed by the 2012-2014 Sharpening Our Vision Task Force. The Director-Focusing on Segments position will continue implementation of the next strategic steps of this vision to expand its reach to serve society, through the creation of four interrelated centers: The Center for Advancing Accounting Education, Research, Practice, and in the Public Interest.
- Candidates should have an interest in exploring ways to expand the AAA Community, particularly with regard to under-engaged communities (e.g. Professionally Oriented Faculty, Global Scholars, Two-Year Faculty, and Doctoral Students).
- As the number of Segment members within the AAA continues to grow, it is important that this Director assists the AAA in strengthening its global thought leadership and in recognizing and supporting perspectives of all of its global members.
- Candidates for this position should have strong leadership skills, experience in a range of Association activities, particularly leadership experience in one or more sections or regions.
- Candidates for this Board position will be placed on the ballot by the Council Ballot Committee.