



2016 Board of Directors Election

Position Descriptions

Guidance on the roles and responsibilities and key interests and capabilities for the 2016-2017 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:

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.

During their three-year term, the President-Elect serves for one year in that role (2016-2017), then for one year as President (2017-2018), followed by one year as Past President (2018-2019).

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.

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:

- As a result of the Sharpening our Vision project, the Board and Council have identified trends in the accounting profession, higher education, and society that will affect the AAA into the future. In response to these trends, the AAA is executing the plan for a four-dimensional Center structure focusing on Advancing Accounting in Research, Education, Practice and Public Interest, respectively. Candidates for the President-Elect position should have an enthusiasm for continuing the Sharpening Our Vision strategy and further developing creative ideas for implementing the Centers.
- Candidates should have an interest in the needs of members who may currently be under-engaged (e.g., non-tenure track faculty, senior accounting researchers, faculty from two-year colleges, and scholars from institutions outside of the United States).
- To support the AAA's mission of being Thought Leaders in Accounting, the current Board and Council are developing initiatives to transform the AAA's role within the academy globally, and within the profession, broadly defined. Candidates for the President-Elect position should have enthusiasm for these initiatives. A global mindset and appreciation for and connections with colleagues in practice is important.
- Given the need to hit the ground running, broad previous AAA leadership experience, effective presentation skills, strong interest and experience in accounting scholarship and teaching, global perspectives, and successful experience with planning and implementation are highly desirable characteristics.
- Candidates for this Board position will be placed on the ballot by the AAA Nominations Committee.

Director – Focusing on Academic/Practitioner Interaction

Roles and Responsibilities for the position:

This Director will take responsibility for helping the Board continuously improve its strategic relationships with practitioners and member bodies from all areas of accounting practice and with regulatory bodies relevant to the profession of accounting. These strategic relationships are important to our members who wish to keep their teaching and/or research up to date and they also provide an opportunity for AAA thought leadership to contribute to the profession and/or the public interest.

The Director – Focusing on Academic/Practitioner Interaction will serve a three-year term (2016-2019).

The Director – Focusing on Academic/Practitioner Interaction attends Board Meetings and Council Meetings as well as meetings beyond the AAA when asked to do so.

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

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- The person filling this role ideally will be either a career academic who has a recent significant history of relationships or experience within the accounting profession, broadly defined, an active practitioner, or a recently retired practitioner who is now holding a faculty position.
- Candidates should have an interest in the needs of members who may currently be under-engaged (e.g., non-tenure track faculty, senior accounting researchers, faculty from two-year colleges, and scholars from institutions outside of the United States).
- To support the AAA's mission of being Thought Leaders in Accounting, the current Board and Council are developing initiatives to transform the AAA's role within the academy globally, and within the profession, broadly defined. Candidates for the Director – Focusing on Academic/Practitioner Interaction position should have enthusiasm for these initiatives. A global mindset and appreciation for and connections with colleagues in practice is important.
- Given the need to hit the ground running, broad previous AAA leadership experience, effective presentation skills, strong interest in accounting scholarship and teaching, global perspectives, and successful experience with planning and implementation are highly desirable characteristics.
- Candidates for this Board position will be placed on the ballot by the AAA Nominations Committee.

Director – Focusing on Intellectual Property

Roles and Responsibilities for the position:

This Director will take responsibility for helping the Board deal with technological, economic, financial, organizational, and competitive issues related to intellectual property. These issues are important to our members who create intellectual property from their research and/or teaching and to the AAA as a whole. This complex area has been the subject of two AAA intellectual property task forces; this director will serve on the Intellectual Property Task Force III.

The Director – Focusing on Intellectual Property will serve a three-year term (2016-2019).

The Director – Focusing on Intellectual Property attends Board Meetings, Council Meetings, Intellectual Property Task Force III meetings, as well as meetings outside the AAA when asked to do so.

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

- As a result of the Sharpening our Vision project, the Board and Council have identified trends in the accounting profession, higher education, and society that will affect the AAA into the future. In response to these trends, the AAA is executing the plan for a four-dimensional Center structure focusing on Advancing Accounting in Research, Education, Practice and Public Interest, respectively. Candidates for the Director – Focusing on Intellectual Property position should have an enthusiasm for continuing the Sharpening Our Vision strategy and further developing creative ideas for implementing the Centers.
- The person filling this role ideally will have knowledge or experience concerning library acquisition, journal aggregators, electronic publication and/or digital rights issues. In addition, the person filling this role should have the ability to assess financial and risk aspects of contracts dealing with intellectual property.
- Candidates should have an interest in how the AAA can enhance the creation and dissemination of intellectual property, broadly defined. In the past, the AAA has generated substantial funding from partnering with other entities who disseminate our intellectual property. The Director – Focusing on Intellectual Property will need to become familiar with the rapidly changing landscape of scholarly publishing and to work with the Intellectual Property Task Force III to find creative solutions to help the AAA navigate the new landscape. Additional issues include the article/journal of the future, the extent of open access requirements, and how the wide variety of scholarly contributions can be recognized.
- To support the AAA's mission of being Thought Leaders in Accounting, the current Board and Council are developing initiatives to transform the AAA's role within the academy globally, and within the profession, broadly defined. Candidates for the Director – Focusing on Intellectual Property position should have enthusiasm for these initiatives. A global mindset and appreciation for and connections with colleagues in practice is important.
- Given the need to hit the ground running, broad previous AAA leadership experience, effective presentation skills, strong interest and experience in accounting scholarship and teaching, global perspectives, and successful experience with planning and implementation are highly desirable characteristics.
- Candidates for this Board position will be placed on the ballot by the Council Ballot Committee.