

ABA President-elect

Function

The President-elect ensures the orderly transition of Board leadership. The President-elect must be familiar with the Board's various projects and the work of its committees in the event that they must unexpectedly take over the duties of the President. They become President in the event that the President resigns or the position of President otherwise becomes vacant. They then serves the former President's unexpired term, as well as the full term they were elected to. The President-elect acts in the absence of the President as chair of the Board of Trustees, they work closely with the President to ensure continuity of leadership, support the efforts of the President, and learn the duties of the President's office.

Duties & Responsibilities

Specific to President-Elect:

- Assumes the office of President when the current President's term expires.
- Performs the duties of the office of President whenever the President is unable to do so and fills the unexpired term of the President when required.
- Serves as a member of the Bylaws Committee and Finance & Investment Committee.
- Provides for an orderly transition in leadership by becoming familiar with ABA's functional and program areas and activities as well as the duties and responsibilities of the office of President.
- Attends all Board meetings and supports other Association functions.
- Supports, represents, and communicates strategic plan elements to others and promotes ABA membership.
- Presides at all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee when the President is unable to participate.
- Serves as the official representative and spokesperson for the Association when the President is unable or designates the President-elect to serve in this role.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

Performs "Responsibilities of all members of the Board" (see At-large Board Member description)

Term

One year as President-elect. This is followed by one year as President and subsequently by two years as a Past President member of the Board of Trustees.

The President-elect should be included in all meetings and communications involving the President 3 months prior to assuming the role.

Commitment

In addition to the commitment outlined below for members of the Board of Trustees, the President-elect is required to participate in Executive Committee meetings.

Qualifications

Per the Bylaws, all Officers shall:

- (a) be a professional in a burn-related field for no less than ten years; and
- (b) have demonstrated leadership abilities; and
- (c) have been and are currently active members of the Association for no less than ten years prior to their term of office.

In addition, the President-Elect must have served at least a two-year term on the Board of Trustees prior to assuming the role of President-Elect.

Additional qualifications:

- Ability to think strategically and analytically and to effectively communicate ideas and the supporting rationales.
- Possession of earned respect of ABA members and others in the field.
- Ability to work well as a member of a collaborative group with group decision-making authority and an understanding of the fiduciary duties of loyalty, care, and obedience.
- Appreciation for the differences between “oversight” and “supervision”.
- Earned reputation for emotional maturity, personal integrity, and honesty.
- Familiarity with the body of knowledge related to both the ABA as an organization as well as the substantive content of the field of burn care.
- Prerequisite of accessibility and responsiveness.
- Absence of significant conflicts of interest.

Selection

The position shall be elected by the membership from a slate of candidates developed by the Nominating Committee in accordance with the policy established by the Board. The following year, the President-elect automatically ascends to the position of President at the close of the Annual Business Meeting.