



Open Leadership Position: President-Elect

Description:

The President is the Association's chief elected officer. For three years - as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past-President - they serve as a voting member of the Governing Council, the Executive Board and its Executive Committee.

Serving in the capacity as President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President offer the opportunity for a diverse set of leadership opportunities. These opportunities, in turn, require a **major time commitment**. Before committing to run for office, it is important individuals consider their ability to take administrative leave, sabbatical, PTO, etc., **especially during the Presidential year** when significant time is required to be dedicated to APHA activities.

The President **does not** preside over affairs of the Governing Council, the Executive Board or the Association staff; these roles are filled by the Governing Council speaker, the Executive Board chair and the executive director, respectively.¹ However, successful candidates have the unique opportunity to develop and execute a presidential initiative that aligns with APHA's [mission, vision and values](#).

Role and Period of Service:

President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President are each one-year terms for a total of three-years in office. The President-elect begins their one-year term at the close of the APHA Annual Meeting in which they are elected and succeeds to a one-year term President at the close of the next Annual Meeting and then to a final one-year term as Immediate Past President at the end of at the close of the subsequent APHA Annual Meeting.

Following these three years, past presidents will be called upon to serve and support the mission, vision, values and initiatives of APHA.

In all three years, members of the presidential trio are expected to:

- Attend all meetings of the Executive Board (in-person and virtual).
- Serve on the Executive Committee which functions as the leadership team between meetings of the Executive Board
- Serve on other Executive Board committee meetings as required.
- Organize and chair a special session at the Annual Meeting.

¹ Please review the APHA Bylaws for a full description of roles and functions on the Executive Board, Governing Council, Awards Committee and Nominations Committee on which successful candidates will serve.

- Participate in additional APHA-sponsored events as needed.²
- Serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominations Committee.
- Participate in multiple APHA-sponsored events during the Annual Meeting — including the opening and closing sessions, select award programs and other designated activities.
- Represent APHA in line with the Association’s priorities, in other *ad-hoc* engagements or initiatives as opportunities arise.

Expectations specific to the **President-Elect** year are to:

- Serve as chair of the Executive Board’s leadership appointments effort (i.e. process for designating members to serve on various Association-wide boards and committees).
- Speak to the Sections chairs-elects and Affiliates presidents-elects at their annual meeting
- Fill in for President in Presidential year duties as needed.

Expectations specific to the **Presidential year** are to:

- Meet monthly with the Executive Director
- Appoint the Chair of the Nominations Committee
- Participate in the Policy Action Institute
- Attend and speak at the annual meetings of approximately one-third of the APHA’s 52 state and regional Affiliates (most often in person, requiring 2-3 days travel per visit).
- Participate in National Public Health Week events.
- Author a column for each of the 10 issues of *The Nation’s Health*.

Expectations specific to the **Immediate Past-President year** are to:

- Chair the Past-Presidents group which organizes monthly calls, Annual Meeting sessions and other initiatives.
- Fill in for the President in Presidential year duties as needed

Eligibility:

Nominees for the position of President-Elect must have served a minimum of one-year on the APHA Executive Board in either an ex-officio or elected role.

Nominees must demonstrate a substantive track record of leadership within APHA and the field of public health; have strong interpersonal and communication skills; organizational management, relationship building and strategic oversight experience; and be knowledgeable about APHA's structure, function and policy.

Financial Expectations:

As President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past-President you can expect the following:

² There are six Executive Board meetings (in-person and virtual) per year, three of which occur over 2-3 days with the possibility of additional ad hoc meetings as needed; committees of the Executive Board typically meet monthly or bi-monthly one-hour virtual meetings; the Nominations Committee meets virtually bi-weekly January-May and then ad-hoc throughout the rest of the year; the Awards Committee meets virtually on a quarterly basis; the Governing Council is in session for a 2.5 hour virtual meeting in June and in-person the Saturday afternoon and Tuesday morning of the Annual Meeting with additional orientations, trainings, and discussions held virtually throughout the year.

- Each Executive Board members, including the President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President is responsible for their Annual Meeting conference registration fee, travel expenses, meals (Saturday through Wednesday) and hotel accommodations (Friday to Wednesday; except for in the President year in which hotel expenses are covered for the duration of the conference) to attend the Annual Meeting.
- All Executive Board members, including the President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President are required to pay dues and maintain membership in their state Affiliate throughout the duration of their term on the Executive Board.
- As with any governing board, Executive Board members and officers are expected to participate annually in the Association's development efforts in ways that align with their individual capacity, interests and comfort level. Donations of any amount are welcomed and count toward this goal, including gifts made to any APHA giving area from the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 through the conclusion of the Annual Meeting for the current leadership year. If you have questions or would like to discuss participation options, please contact the Development Office at development@apha.org.
- APHA will cover all Executive Board members', including the President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President, travel expenses to attend the in-person Executive Board meetings per year in Washington, D.C. (according to APHA's travel policy these usually cover the designated hotel, air or ground travel, meals, and appropriate out of pocket expenses).
- APHA will also cover the two nights of hotel accommodations for (usually Wednesday and Thursday nights) and two days of meals (Thursday and Friday) the Executive Board meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. (*In the Presidential year, hotel accommodations are covered for the entirety of the meeting.)
- In the Presidential year, APHA will cover travel expenses to attend Affiliate meetings (according to APHA's travel policy these usually cover the designated hotel, air or ground travel, meals, and appropriate out of pocket expenses).