

Subsection B - Nominations for Elected AAC Office

Any candidate who seeks office in the American Academy of Chefs both locally and nationally will do so by maintaining the highest standards of the American Academy of Chefs, and therefore should make no unsubstantiated negative remarks during his or her campaign against any Fellow of the Academy who seeks said local or national office. This will include verbal comments, letters, campaign statements, e-mails, etc. Such derogatory comments will eliminate that individual from being eligible to assume any leadership within the American Academy of Chefs, and that individual will be disqualified from seeking or holding office subject to the review of the Board of Trustees of the American Culinary Federation Foundation, Inc., in its relationship with the American Academy of Chefs.

1. All nominees must be active Fellows of AAC.
2. A nominee must have been a Fellow of AAC for 10 years.
3. Nominations open at the annual AAC meeting in even-numbered years.
4. A nominee must file a nomination letter with the AAC National Office by December 1st in even-numbered years, signed by the nominating AAC Fellow, and including a statement that the nominee is willing to serve signed by the nominee.
5. A nominee must send a resume and recent culinary photo in toque, taken within one year, to the National AAC Office by December 1st in even-numbered years.
6. Candidates for AAC Chair and AAC Vice-Chair are required to speak at the Fellow's meetings during the ACF ChefConnects, at their own expense, in odd-numbered years, and must participate in a question and answer period at the ChefConnect Fellows' meetings. If the serving Chair and/or Vice Chair are re-nominated and are unopposed, # 6 is unnecessary.)
7. If there is a vacancy in any AAC national office, there will be a "Special Nomination Process". Numbers 1 and 2 above apply and numbers 3, 4 & 5 will be replaced with:
 - a. Nominations will be open for thirty days starting with the effective day of the vacancy. The AAC National Office shall notify all AAC Fellows of a vacancy and the dates the nominations are open.
 - b. A letter of nomination shall be sent to the AAC National Office, along with a statement by the nominee that he/she is willing to serve.
 - c. The nominee will have 15 days from the close of nomination to send a candidate statement, bio and a current culinary photo in toque to the AAC National Office