

NSA Oregon FAQ about Board Service Term July 2020-June 2021

If I fill out the board nomination form, am I obligated to join the board?

Not at all. The nomination form is just a vehicle for the Nominating Committee to reach out to our entire membership and get them engaged with the possibility of board service. Every Professional member of the chapter is eligible to serve and we don't want to overlook anyone. Nomination forms are due no later than April 3.

What happens after I fill out a questionnaire?

In early April, the Nominating Committee schedules a call with each person who has expressed interest in serving on the board by completing the nomination form. These are abbreviated conversations with the Nominating Committee and serve as a more personal and in-depth extension of the questions on the form. We talk about what you love about the chapter, where you see us progressing as an organization, your prior experience volunteering, what you see as your strengths and where you feel you could contribute the most.

Then what?

Then the Nominating Committee gets to work matching strengths with opportunities. After much discussion, the Committee emerges with a slate of board candidates who will be nominated for a 2-year term. (And just to be clear, no one is nominated without their consent.) The remainder of board positions are filled by members serving out the second year of their 2-year term. The slate of board candidates is then voted on by the complete membership via electronic ballot in April.

Why so many steps?

Previously, board members had been selected through conversation and referral. This year, the board has formalized the nomination process to more closely align with national requirements and best practices, including more transparency about the process. The hope is that more members will become involved as they see the process for themselves.

Why should I bother?

Serving on the board of NSA Oregon takes time, effort, and commitment, but the rewards are enormous, including:

- An opportunity to shape the future of our chapter.
- An opportunity to develop your leadership skills.
- Unparalleled leadership training—locally and nationally.
- Eligibility to attend additional events with our invited speakers.
- Being part of a team of the most dedicated and smart professionals you will ever come across.
- We work hard but we have a great time in the process!

If I decide not to serve on the board, is there still a way that I can contribute?

Absolutely. The chapter is in tremendous need of volunteers for all sorts of things—from planning social events, to helping out at meetings, to assisting visiting speakers as they navigate our great city. If you're interested in learning more about volunteering, please let us know at info@nsaoregon.org!

Thank You!