

FAQs For Candidates for Vice Chair

We have developed these FAQs as suggestions for all potential candidates to help promote a positive, learning experience for you and for the Nominating Committee which has general responsibility for NASBA's nominations process.

Are there any restrictions on direct communications with members of the Nominating Committee?

You are encouraged to introduce yourself to members of the Nominating Committee either in person at a NASBA meeting, or by phone/email. If you choose to do that, please take into consideration the following:

- Nominating Committee members typically are not able to endorse candidates in advance since they will likely want to be able to look at the entire field of candidates and to make every effort to be fair to all potential candidates. Direct communications by you or persons on your behalf should only be undertaken with this factor in mind.
- Nominating Committee members should not disclose in advance potential or past questions or likely subjects for the candidate interviews.

As Bylaw 4.3 provides, "All members of the Board of Directors must meet the fiduciary duties of careful and prudent judgment, adherence to organizational purpose and rules, and avoidance of conflicts of interest. Neither Officers of the Board of Directors nor Directors shall receive compensation for their services to the Association." Pursuant to that mandate, the BOD has adopted a "Conflicts of Interest Policy" consistent with good corporate governance. That Policy states that "Board Members are expected to represent NASBA in a positive and ethical manner. Thus, Board Members have an obligation to avoid conflicts of interest..." Your expressed interest in becoming part of NASBA's elected leadership indicates your personal commitment to and support of ethical principles for this organization.

Are there any restrictions on campaigning for the nominations?

There is no prohibition against candidates collecting letters of support from numerous states, but there is no Bylaw requirement that a candidate be "nominated" by a state board. Also, some state boards have expressed frustration with such efforts and, as a practical matter the Nominating Committee has not historically given much weight to the raw numbers of supporting letters.

The Nominating Committee Interviews

The Nominating Committee will interview all Candidates for Vice Chair. The date for the interviews for Vice Chair will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

In Person Meetings:

- Arrangements can be made to facilitate zoom interviews, but the Committee's strong preference is for in-person interviews.
- The Candidate interview is such an important part of the nominating process that NASBA will reimburse reasonable travel expenses for announced candidates for attendance at an interview.
- Dinner reservations will be arranged for the candidates and the committee members the night before the interviews.

What if I have questions about procedures or qualifications?

Please direct your questions to Melissa Brennan, mbrennan@nasba.org. She will make sure that the appropriate person responds to your question.

Qualifications for Vice Chair

Article III-Membership

3.3 All former Delegates or persons who have been members of Member Boards shall be deemed Associates of the Association provided that their dues, established in accordance with these bylaws, have been paid in full for the current fiscal year. Association Dues will not be assessed for past NASBA Chairs and currently serving members of the Board of Directors. Associates shall have the privilege of the floor and may propose motions, resolutions or other actions at all meetings of the Association and shall be eligible for service as Officers, Directors and members of committee within the limitations established by these bylaws.

Article IV – Board of Directors and Officers

4.5.9 To be eligible to serve as Vice Chair, an individual must have served as a Director-at-Large or Regional Director for a minimum of two years but need not be a current member of the Board of Directors at the time of his or her election.

You may also refer to the complete NASBA Bylaws at this link: <https://nasba.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Bylaws-Nov-15-2024.pdf>

Information on the requirements for becoming an Associate member can be obtained from Melissa Brennan, mbrennan@nasba.org.