

2008 Election News

Candidates for the offices of ASAM President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary must be current members of the Board of Directors or have served on the Board within the past four years. An exception may be made in the case of a nominee for the office of Treasurer, who may be a member who possesses other qualifications for the position and who has been on the Finance Committee within the past four years.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

The Nominations & Awards Council has determined that the following members are eligible to be nominated for the office of President-Elect, Secretary or Treasurer:

Peter Banys, M.D.
John P. Femino, M.D., FASAM
Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM
David R. Gastfriend, M.D.
Stuart Gitlow, M.D., M.P.H., (*incumbent Treasurer, eligible for re-election*)
R. Jeffrey Goldsmith, M.D.
Raju Hajela, M.D., M.P.H., FASAM
Thomas L. Haynes, M.D., FASAM
Lori D. Karan, M.D., FACP, FASAM
Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM
Kevin B. Kunz, M.D., M.P.H., FASAM
Donald J. Kurth, M.D., FASAM
A. Kenison Roy, III, M.D., FASAM (*ineligible for Secretary – will have served two consecutive terms*)
Marvin D. Seppala, M.D.
C. Chapman Sledge, M.D., FASAM
Scott B. Smolar, D.O.
Trusandra E. Taylor, M.D.
Howard C. Wetsman, M.D.
Martha J. Wunsch, M.D., FASAM
Penelope P. Ziegler, M.D., FASAM

TREASURER

Candidates for the post of Treasurer must have served on the Finance Committee within the past four years. In addition to the candidates listed above, the following individuals are eligible for this office:

James A. Halikas, M.D., FASAM
David Mee-Lee, M.D.
James W. Smith, M.D., FASAM.

In Oct/Nov, 2007 the Nominations & Awards Council will select candidates for these offices, taking into consideration nominations from the membership-at-large, which will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

All candidates must disclose any potential conflict of interest and candidates with actual conflicts of interest should not consider service to ASAM in these offices.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Nominations must include (1) a brief statement summarizing the individual's involvement in ASAM at the state or national level; (2) a summary of the individual's qualifications for the position of Regional Director; and (3) a brief statement explaining why the individual wishes to serve as a Regional Director. Nominations are to be submitted to the Regional Nominating Committee Chair in your Region (listed below) no later than **October 15, 2007**.

Candidates for Regional Director must have been active members of ASAM for at least three years; must have demonstrated a commitment to ASAM's mission by engaging in activities such as service on a committee, task force, or other significant national or state endeavor; and must be willing to attend two Board meetings a year for four years at their own expense.

As specified in ASAM's Bylaws, the candidate in each Region who receives the most votes will be elected Regional Director, and the candidate who receives the next largest number of votes will be elected Alternate Regional Director.

The Regional Nominating Committee will nominate at least two candidates in each Region.

The following incumbent Regional Directors and Alternate Regional Directors are eligible to run for re-election, except for Dr. Thomas L. Haynes, M.D., FASAM* – Region VI Regional Director who will have served two four-year terms. However, all incumbents must be nominated by their Regional Nominating Committee Chair.

Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM Region I
Alternate: Edwin A. Salsitz, M.D., FASAM

Peter Banyas, M.D. Region II
Alternate: Judith A. Martin, M.D.
 David R. Pating, M.D.

John P. Femino, M.D., FASAM Region III
Alternate: Kenneth I. Freedman, M.D., FASAM

John J. Verdon, M.D., FASAM Region IV
Alternate: Jeffrey A. Berman, M.D.

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Region VI (IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, WI)

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Region VII (AR, KS, LA, MO, NE, OK, TX)

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Region VIII (AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY)

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Region IX (Canada and International)

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Region X (AL, FL, KY, MS, TN, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

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New Policies approved by the Board of Directors:

1) Before the names of candidates for Officer/Regional Director positions are submitted to the Board for approval, candidates must complete and sign "ASAM's Disclosure of Interests and Affiliations."

2) Once election is completed, all votes tabulated, and all candidates are notified by telephone and letter, candidates' vote results will be made available to the membership.