



House of Delegates 2020 Election Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is the House Officer Election taking place now, rather than at the in-person meeting scheduled for November?

The roles and responsibilities of House Officers are two-fold. They serve as the elected leaders of the House of Delegates and as members of AAPA's Board of Directors. Board leadership continuity is critical to the business of AAPA. The House Officer Election must occur now in order to seat a full AAPA Board of Directors when the 2020-21 leadership year begins on July 1, as directed by AAPA's Bylaws.

Decisions surrounding how to move forward with ensuring the continuity of AAPA governance during the pandemic included thoughtful research and consideration by AAPA's Governance Commission, the House Officers, legal counsel, and staff. After receiving input from the Governance Commission and AAPA's legal counsel, the House Officers – per Bylaws Article VI, Section 4d – took action calling for an electronic vote to conduct the 2020-2021 House Officers Election prior to the next HOD meeting. This action makes it feasible for current HOD delegates to elect the 2020-2021 House Officers, as they would have had the HOD meeting occurred in May.

Without an HOD Meeting in May, how will the House Officer Elections take place?

Prior to the cancellation of Annual Conference 2020 and the postponement of the HOD, a decision had already been made to move the HOD elections to an online electronic method using AAPA's third-party, independent election vendor, YesElections. The only change to this process is that rather than receiving your voting login information onsite at the HOD meeting, credentialed HOD delegates will receive a secure email from YesElections containing their individual unique login information with a link to the secure, online, electronic ballot.

How long will voting for House Officers be open?

By removing the time constraints of the HOD meeting, the HOD Election will be open for the same duration as AAPA's Board of Directors General Election – June 2 -15, 2020.

How will the voting delegate(s) be determined without using delegate passes and closing the floor of the HOD?

In early May, the HOD Staff Advisor will contact all delegates who are eligible voters, based on the order in which they were listed on their Constituent Organization's submission form and the

number of seats/votes each organization has. No changes to delegations will be permitted once the eligible voter list is provided to AAPA's third-party, independent election vendor on **May 18**.

Will HOD Delegates receive two ballots...one for the House Officer Election and one for the General Election?

No. Each eligible voter will receive access to ONE secure, online, electronic ballot. In order to reduce the burden on voters and mitigate any confusion, AAPA is working with its independent, third-party vendor to create unique ballots based on the specific eligibility of each voter. For example:

- A Fellow member who is also an HOD Delegate will have access to one ballot which contains both the candidates for the General Election and the candidates for the House Officer Election.
- The ballot of a Fellow member who is not an HOD Delegate will only include the General Election candidates.
- The ballot of a Student member serving as a Student Academy Delegate will include the House Officer Candidates and the Student Academy Chief Delegate which is part of the Student Academy Board of Directors Election.

Who is AAPA's independent, third-party election vendor?

YesElections is a full-service election management company, which has successfully administered complex elections throughout six continents, with millions of votes processed annually. YesElections is guided by several core principles: Innovation. Accuracy. Security. Dependability. Integrity. YesElections has partnered with organizations with membership ranging from under one hundred voters to over 2.2 million members in a single election, and with a similar range of policies, regulations and governance structures. Their clients span a diverse market from retirement systems, financial service institutions, cooperatives, public-sector entities, labor unions, professional associations, non-profit and private organizations.

Why are the Nominating Work Group Elections not taking place until the HOD convenes in the fall?

AAPA's Bylaws allow Nominating Work Group (NWG) candidates to declare their candidacy from the floor of the HOD. Therefore, the NWG Election cannot take place without convening the HOD and will not occur at the same time as the House Officers Election. The election of NWG members will occur at the next in-person HOD meeting, currently scheduled for November 20-22, 2020.