2020 Student Board Election Frequently Asked Questions
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Without an AOR Meeting in May, how will Student Academy Representatives (SARs) vote for the 2020-21 Student Board?

Prior to the cancellation of Annual Conference 2020, a decision had already been made to move the AOR 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 AOR meeting, eligible voters 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 the Student Academy Board Election ballot be open?

Electronic voting will be open from June 2-15, 2020.

Who are eligible student voters?

Eligible voters in the Student Academy Board Election are Student Academy Representatives (SARs) from accredited or provisionally accredited PA programs. Only one SAR from each accredited or provisionally accredited PA program is eligible to vote. The voting SAR is determined by the PA program's Student Society when they complete the Student Society registration form.

Student Academy HOD Delegates and Student Academy Board members are also eligible to vote for select Student Academy positions.

All eligible Student Academy voters must be AAPA members as of May 18 to participate in the election.

Will Student Academy HOD delegates get two ballots...one for the HOD Election and one for the Student Academy Election? Will there still be regional-based voting?

Each eligible student 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 our independent, third-party vendor to create unique ballots based on the specific eligibility of the voter. For example:
- A SAR from a Virginia-based school will receive a single ballot containing the candidates for the Mid-Atlantic Director, as well as the other appropriate Student Academy leadership for whom they are eligible to vote. This ballot will also contain an opportunity to vote on the AOR resolutions.

- Student's Delegates who are eligible to vote in the House Officer Elections, will receive a ballot containing those candidates they are eligible to vote for in both the House and Student Academy Elections.

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.

Who is eligible to run for a position on the Student Academy Board of Directors?

Any current AAPA student member who is also a current student attending an accredited or provisionally accredited PA program, is eligible to run for one of the 11 open positions on the Student Board. With AAPA 2020 cancelled, the requirement to attend the conference for the election and orientation is no longer applicable.

The Chief Delegate to the HOD student delegation requires previous HOD experience with the HOD student delegation. Candidates interested in the President-elect position must be graduating after September 30, 2020.

If conference has been cancelled, when will orientation of Student Board Members be held?
The date of orientation is yet to be determined. It is anticipated to take place in the summer or early fall.