



Are you interested in shaping the future of the American School Health Association (ASHA) as well as the future of school health? Are you a decision maker, innovator, and collaborator? Do you have an interest in advocacy or professional development? Perhaps you have a keen interest in finance or research. Maybe policy development excites you. Whatever your interest or expertise, we encourage you to consider becoming a candidate for the 2015 ASHA Board of Directors! **The deadline to submit your nomination application is July 11, 2014.** [Click here](#) to download the form.

Here's what you need to know about ASHA's new governance structure.

1. All positions on the 2015 Board of Directors are available. Current Board members may choose to run for a seat on the 2015 Board but a spot is not guaranteed.
2. Instead of running for a particular position or job, all candidates run for a seat on the Board.
3. The **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer** (known as "the officers") are elected by the Board after the board slate has been elected.
 - a. The **President** chairs all meetings, represents the Association, and appoints committee chairs and members. The President works with the executive director to ensure that ASHA's goals and strategic objectives are being met.
 - b. The **Vice President** presides at meetings in the absence of the President and chairs the Governance committee, which is comprised of at least three additional members of the Board of Directors. This committee is responsible for policy development (e.g. policy manual, bylaws). The nominating committee is a subcommittee of Governance.
 - c. The **Treasurer** serves as chair of the Finance committee, which is comprised of at least three additional members of the Board of Directors.
 - d. The **Secretary** works with staff to ensure accurate records of all meetings.
4. The **Chair of Professional Development** coordinates subcommittees charged with planning the annual conference, developing web-based educational programs (e.g. webinars), and approving programs for continuing education units (e.g. CHES/MCHES, CNE).
5. The **Chair of Advocacy and Coalitions** coordinates subcommittees charged with developing an advocacy agenda and materials to support that agenda (e.g. white papers, policy briefs), tracking and developing responses to key federal legislation (e.g. sign-on letters, bill comments), and participating in strategic partnerships related to school health efforts (e.g., SHAC, NCCSHS).
6. The **Chair of Leadership Development and Recognition** coordinates subcommittees charged with reviewing and recommending candidates for ASHA awards, supporting mentorship and scholarships, and fostering leadership development through ASHA's Future Leaders Academy.
7. The **Chair of Research and Publications** coordinates subcommittees charged with developing an ASHA research agenda and identifying promising practices that support it. The chair serves as the Board liaison to the editorial committee and works closely with the editor and ASHA staff to support the JOSH and other ASHA publications.

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