
2019 AONL ELECTION FACT SHEET
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONS 5, 7 and 9 CRITERIA

TERM OF OFFICE

Three years beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Prospective candidates should discuss their intent to run for an AONL position with employing organization prior to submission of nomination materials. Given the expected commitments of time and attention to the business of AONL, support from employing organizations is an essential component for dual success in the AONL office, if elected, and concurrent employment.

RESPONSIBILITIES A

Support AONL's mission by:

- Acting in the interest of AONL's membership
- Approve the strategic plan to meet the organization's vision, mission and goals
- Overseeing the commitment of AONL resources
- Establishing an AONL governance policy
- Participate in evaluating the AONL chief executive officer
- Preparing for and attending all AONL Board of Directors meetings
- Participating effectively in Board of Directors meetings by understanding board leadership is a group responsibility and not a forum for individual achievement
- Supporting board actions publicly
- Evaluating and following up on board actions, as requested
- Fulfilling assignments as an AONL liaison or representative
- Participating in AHA Regional Policy Board (RPB) meetings (two days in the spring, summer and fall)
- Supporting the American Hospital Association Political Action Committee
- Engaging affiliate leaders from each state in your region to ensure their understanding of the board member's role as related to AONL and to direct them to supportive resources
- Providing an orientation (e.g. conference call) to new state presidents within the region to ensure awareness related to the AONL relationship
- Developing regular communication with the leaders in your region through conference calls, emails and other media opportunities
- Serving as chair/co-chair to assigned committees/task forces
- Actively mentoring and recruiting candidates for AONL national offices
- Fostering and actively promoting diversity on the board

PRINCIPLES FOR BOARD MEMBERS

- Reach out to your affiliates to prepare for the RPB meetings by requesting affiliate responses to the questions posed in the RPB background materials
- Reach out to your affiliates to find out what issues they are facing before an AONL Board meeting.
- Provide two-way communication after RPB Meetings and AONL Board meetings to keep regional leaders informed.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION Experience

- Membership in AONL for the past two years including the current year.
- Leadership role in an AONL affiliate, local group or other national organizations or substantive community activities.
- Participation in AONL activities and committees or task forces at national level preferred.
- Hold a master's degree or higher. Hold at least one degree in nursing at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Employment Support

Support from employing organization.

MINIMUM TIME COMMITMENT INCLUDES

Ability to make the time commitment, which at a minimum includes:

- Five days for the AONL Annual Conference
- Three two-day AONL Board meetings, prep time required
- Three two-day AHA RPB meetings, prep time required
- Monthly Board conference calls (two hours)
- AONL committee assignments (some meet in person and other virtually)
- Regional/state activities (e.g. ad hoc speaking engagements) and other requests. The inviting group is responsible for travel expenses.

DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

- Demonstrates collaboration and relationship-building skills
- Demonstrates a commitment to diversity
- Demonstrates understanding of AONL mission, values and issues
- Demonstrates understanding of health care, nursing and health care financing issues

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- AONL covers expenses for AONL Board and AONL-related travel.
- AONL provides appropriate support for AONL-related activities
- AONL or sponsoring organization covers expenses for persons serving as an official AONL representative. AONL Board Charter (enclosed).

REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION

Completed biographical/nominations form, which includes:

- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Completed conflict of interest form
- Statement on the biggest issue facing AONL with potential strategies to address the issue (100 word maximum). **Note: AONL reserves the right to edit in order to adhere to the word limit.**
- Hi-resolution color profile photo (300 dpi, .jpg, .tif or .eps format)

QUESTIONS

For questions about the nominations process or recommendation to speak with your employing organization, please contact Jo Ann Webb at jwebb@aha.org.

