

2026 Election Year - Board Position Description

NSTA welcomes current members to serve on the NSTA Board of Directors. The nomination committee is currently seeking applicants for **President** and **three Board Directors**.

PRESIDENT:

The President shall act as the chief elected Officer of the corporation, serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors, and preside at other meetings, and exercise all the duties and responsibilities commonly associated with this office, except as limited by the Bylaws.

The President shall serve a 3-year term: President-Elect, President, Retiring President

DIRECTORS:

This year, the Board is seeking **three directors**: 3 Board Member At-Large Directors from a variety of backgrounds. To ensure a well-rounded Board, expertise is currently needed in the following areas:

1) Communication & Advocacy Skills

- Effective written and oral communication
- Public speaking skills
- Responsiveness to email and other communication channels
- Networking abilities
- Ability to build logical arguments
- Advocacy experience (connections with policymakers, etc.)

2) Technical & Professional Knowledge within the Association/Organization Field

Current knowledge in relevant educational fields:

- Sensemaking
- NGSS/standards
- Assessment
- State of Science Education

And/Or

- Association business knowledge/experience as either a volunteer or employee
- Financial expertise in non-profits
- Policymaking
- Meeting planning/knowledge
- Publishing

3) Professional & Industry Experience

- Industry experience outside traditional educational entities or associations
- Business expertise in non-profits

- Relevant technical expertise related to board position

QUALIFICATIONS

The nomination committee will give preference to applicants with the following qualifications:

- Current NSTA member
- Service on NSTA committee(s), state chapters, and/or other affiliated professional organizations
- Possesses a growth mindset with an entrepreneurial outlook/innovative thinking
- Willing to be an agent of change and move beyond status quo
- Volunteer experience and/or community partnerships
- Leadership experience with teams, committees, projects, programs, organizations, people, etc.
- Demonstrates strong communication and collaboration skill

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Represent the general membership and provide input toward achieving NSTA's Mission
- Actively participate in deliberations of the Board toward establishing policy, fiscal responsibility and strategic planning for the Association, and support established Board policies and decisions.
- Support the activities and programs of the Association through participation and attendance.
- Actively promote the benefits of the Association to ensure participation in programs, retention of existing members and aid in recruiting new members for the Association.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Prepare for, attend, and participate in scheduled Board meetings (currently 4 per year).
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in Board standing committees and workgroups if asked.
- Attend the Spring National Meeting (some funding will be provided to offset costs).

Nomination Timeline

- Application Deadline: November 23rd
 - Candidates must be available for an interview with the nominations committee between January 26th and February 20th.
 - Successful nominees will be informed that they will stand for election by March 7th.
 - All nominees will be informed of the outcomes of the election by <May 1> unless there is a tie then notification will occur by <May 8th>.
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