

2027 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 **two Board Directors**.

PRESIDENT - The President shall act as the chief elected Officer of the Association, 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

The ideal candidate will demonstrate strength in the following areas:

Visionary Leadership & Representation: Provides direction and serves as the public face of NSTA.

Communication & Public Presence: Engages members, stakeholders, and the public as a strong spokesperson.

Organizational & Business Acumen: Ensures sound governance, financial health, and effective management.

Educational Leadership & Advocacy: Champions science education and represents NSTA to policymakers and partners.

Note: Full President position description may be found [here](#).

DIRECTORS - This election cycle, the Board is seeking **two directors: 2 Board Member At-Large**. The President shall serve a 4-year term.

To ensure a well-rounded Board, expertise is currently needed in the following areas:

1) Strategic Planning & Innovation

- Knowledge of sector/field and understanding of operational vs strategic planning
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion awareness (multiple sectors of DEI)
- Experience with setting association/organizational visions and/or demonstrating goal-oriented and future thinking (5–10 years ahead)
- Demonstrated evidence-based decision-making capability
- Ability to prepare, organize, and follow through on commitments
- Problem-solving orientation

2) Relationship-Building & Stakeholder Engagement

- Accessible to members and stakeholders
- Community building skills
- Demonstrated flexibility in thinking and relationship-building
- Ability to engage with diverse perspectives/stakeholders
- Connection to targeted sector

- Cultivating or contributing to community

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

1. Nomination's Webinar – September 23rd
 2. Accepting Applications – September 25th
 3. Deadline to Apply – December 18th (Need to discuss this date. We have had to extend the deadline. Do we just want to do it from the start?)
 4. Interviews - Applicants must be available for an interview with the nominations committee between January 25th and February 21st.
 5. Successful nominees will be informed that they will stand for election by March 7th
 6. Ballot Sent to the membership – March 26th
 7. Last Date to Vote – April 25th
 8. Chair notifies all nominees of the outcomes of the election (April 26-29th). If there is a tie, notifications will take place after a 10-day run off election.
 9. If there is a tie then notification will occur by May 8th.
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