



# Candidate Information New Physician Board

National Conference of Constituency Leaders — Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center

**Office:** New Physician Director Candidate for the Board of Directors, representing the NEW PHYSICIANS Constituency.

## Candidate Criteria:

AAFP Bylaws authorize the election of a candidate for the New Physician Director on the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The requirements to run for the New Physician seat are as follows: be an Active Member of the AAFP, were first eligible for active membership in the Academy fewer than seven years before being seated by the Congress of Delegates, and are not currently nor have ever served as the Student, Resident, or New Physician Board member. Additionally, candidates must have previously attended at least one NCCL, be in attendance at the NCCL during which they are running for the position, submit a form declaring their candidacy accompanied by a curriculum vitae, and a letter of endorsement from their chapter. Candidates cannot run for other offices (New Physicians constituency Alternate Delegates, AMA-YPS Delegate, or Board-approved constituency Co-Conveners) during the same NCCL.

**The New Physician Director Candidate must not have completed a family medicine residency program or extended training prior to October 8, 2011 to be eligible to serve.**

## Duties of the Office:

1. The successful candidates should be prepared to stay after NCCL to attend the “Post-Conference Meeting and Wrap-Up” with members of the NCCL Advisory Group and Staff on Saturday afternoon. The elected individual should be prepared to serve on the NCCL Advisory Group and attend the **following year’s** National Conference of Constituency Leaders. This duty involves one conference call in advance of NCCL and serving as facilitator for the New Physician Board Candidate speeches during NCCL.

The New Physician Director will receive AAFP reimbursement for attending the following NCCL based on reimbursement allowances outlined for the AAFP Board of Directors.

2. The successful candidate should be available to attend the AAFP Congress of Delegates prior to the AAFP Family Medicine Experience. The Congress of Delegates will officially seat all new Board Members.

The New Physician Board Candidate will receive AAFP reimbursement of actual travel expenses for airfare, or for mileage at the current IRS rate and parking expenses, up to the cost of one full coach airline ticket, shuttle or cab expenses to and from the airport, and regular per diem (currently \$400) for each meeting and travel day (maximum of four days) for attending the Congress of Delegates.

3. In addition to attending these two meetings, the elected individual will be expected to attend the four scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors. Please ask for the Board of Directors handout for additional meetings and reimbursement policies for Board members.

## Campaign Expectations/Regulations:

Candidates may declare in only one constituency (for which they are demographically qualified) and must submit the appropriate candidate declaration form with a letter of endorsement from their chapter, accompanied by a current curriculum vitae of no more than 2 pages front and back, four pages in total, before the deadline of 12:00 p.m. Thursday (the first day of the conference). Only Chapter Delegates to the New Physicians Constituency are eligible to vote for the New Physician Board Candidate.

Campaign materials (brochures, buttons, etc.) beyond the standard information prepared by NCCL staff from your declaration form and CV are strictly prohibited.

Each Candidate will be given:

- An item of recognition that he/she is requested to wear and that will identify him/her to fellow attendees as a candidate for this office.
- Five minutes for verbal remarks during the Joint Session Caucus and Question and Answer Session held from 3:15–4:15 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. Candidates will participate in a question and answer session following the same format used by the AAFP Congress of Delegates. NCCL attendees will present questions in writing to the candidate forum's chair (the current New Physician Board Member) for presentation to the candidates.
  - Election of the New Physician Board Candidate will take place during the New Physicians Constituency Caucus on Friday morning.

Candidates may utilize social media for the purpose of campaigning prior to and during NCCL provided the *AAFP Guidelines: Using Social Media when Campaigning for Leadership Positions* is followed:

The AAFP embraces the use of social media for member/organizational communications, and AAFP provides formal social media channels for this purpose. These channels (including but not limited to AAFP Facebook, AAFP Prez, YouTube, LinkedIn, G+) are not to be used for personal use, including the posting of messages selling products, recruiting, political campaigning or endorsements, promoting commercial or other ventures, or any messages perceived as spam. This includes the campaigning by members for AAFP leadership positions at the National Conference of Constituency Leaders, National Congress of Family Medicine Residents, National Congress of Student Members, and Congress of Delegates. These guidelines are posted online, and any comments that violate these guidelines will be removed. Regarding Twitter, the AAFP has no objections to candidates using the official event hashtag in any messages from their personal account, including campaign messages.

Please note: this restriction applies only to the official AAFP social media channels; the use of personal social media accounts is at each member's own discretion.