

AAAAI Committee Membership Frequently Asked Questions

What types of committees are there?

- There are four types of committees: Interest Section, Division, Assembly, and Board committees.
- Membership on Interest Section and Assembly committees are by member self-nomination or nomination by another member of the AAAAI.
- Division and Board committees are made up of individuals who have expressed an interest in serving on these committees and are selected by the President-Elect of the AAAAI.

Who can serve on a committee?

- All current members can serve on a committee except for Doctoral Graduate/Medical Students and Residents.

What are the benefits of serving on a committee?

As a committee member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Author or co-author guidelines, position papers, work group reports and teaching slides that will help you establish yourself as a thought leader and grow your professional brand.
- Collaborate with your AAAAI colleagues to develop critical programming for the AAAAI's highly regarded Annual Meeting.
- Use your expertise to influence the future of the specialty and the AAAAI as you begin your own personal leadership journey in the AAAAI.
- Develop your leadership skills both personally and professionally.
- Continue to enhance your practice through the knowledge, collaboration, and research gained from committee participation.

What is the committee's role in relation to the Board of Directors?

- All committees are committees of the Board of Directors, regardless of which Interest Section or Division they are organized under. The committee determines their "day-to-day" activities; however, they must always be mindful of their role as official representatives of the AAAAI.

How long are committee member terms?

- All members of Interest Section-based committees serve a 5-year term, after that term is up, you can request to serve an additional term.
- Committee Vice Chairs serve a 2-year term then ascend to the Committee Chair position for an additional 2-year term.

- Terms are entirely voluntary and you may resign at any time if you are no longer able to serve.

What type of time commitment is required?

- The time commitment can vary from committee to committee and even year to year, depending on what projects the committee is currently working on. At a minimum, members need to be able to commit to the time to attend meetings, which could range from 2 – 4 hours a month. Additional time may be required to assist with committee projects.

What kind of projects do committees get involved in?

- Investigate/study identified topic
- Address issues that arise related to identified topic
- Monitor/foster research related to identified topic
- Enhance awareness of identified topic among professional and public audiences
- Develop professional educational sessions on identified topic
- Oversee specific projects as assigned related to identified topic
- Write expert opinion papers on identified topic
- Provide a forum for members to network on issues related to identified topic
- Promote standardized care related to identified topic

How often/when do the committees meet?

- This can vary greatly from committee to committee and is largely based on what projects the committee is currently working on. On average, most committees meet monthly or bi-monthly.

Am I required to travel to committee meetings?

- Every committee meets in person one time each year during the Annual Meeting and attendance is highly encouraged. All other committee meetings are held virtually.