

AMERICAN BOARD OF UROLOGY

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be active in the practice of urology. Please refer to the minimum requirements for ABU Trustee on the following page for additional information.
- **The American Board of Urology does not allow two Trustees from the same institution to serve on the Board at the same time. Please refer to ABU Trustee roster prior to submitting nominees.**
- ABU does not permit someone to serve in two roles simultaneously. Ideally, members should finish their term on the ABU Exam Committee before submitting a nomination for consideration as a Trustee.
- All nominations (even those being renewed by Sections) must be accompanied by:
 - A brief **NIH Format Biosketch (no longer than 5 pages)**. A sample format is available at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
 - A current disclosure record on file with the AUA. Nominees can update their record at <https://www.auanet.org/coi>
- Letters of support from Sections are not required and will not be submitted to ABU for consideration.

ABU TRUSTEE ROSTER (as of Feb 2024)

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Start Feb</u>	<u>End Feb</u>	<u>Nominating Society</u>
James M. McKiernan	Columbia University Medical Center New York, NY	2019	2025	AUA
Cheryl Lee	The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus OH	2020	2026	AUA
Kathleen Kobashi	Virginal Mason Urology, Seattle WA	2022	2028	AUA
Toby Chai	Boston Medical Center Boston, MA	2023	2029	AUA
David B. Bock	St. Luke's, Kansas City Urology Care, Overland Park, KS	2019	2025	AACU
Christopher J. Kane	University California San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA	2020	2026	AAGUS
Jeffrey Holzbeierlein	University of Kansas Cancer Center Kansas City, KS	2024	2030	AAGUS
Christopher Gonzalez	Loyola University Medical Center Maywood, IL	2022	2028	AAGUS
Mark P. Cain	Seattle Children's Hospital Seattle, WA	2021	2027	AAP
E. Ann Gormley	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Urology Lebanon, NH	2021	2027	ACS
Sam Chang	Vanderbilt University Medical Center Nashville, TN	2024	2030	ACS
Gregory Broderick	Mayo Clinic (FL) Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	2023	2029	SAU

ABU TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum requirements for a trustee are listed below:

- **Active in the Practice of Urology** – Applicants for trustee must be active practitioners in the U.S. (both accepting patients and performing procedures), hold an active medical license issued in the U.S., be ABU Board certified, and actively practicing in Lifelong Learning (LLL).
- **Age/Health** – Must continue to be in practice and possess a state of general well-being for a term of 6 years.
- **Stature** – Such as a highly respected clinical urologist, program chairman or senior faculty person who is known for judgment, writing, speaking, etc.
- **Experience** – With student and/or practitioner performance evaluations, or experience on the Examination Committee and/or as an Oral Examiner is preferred.
- **Tested and Proven Administrative Skills.**

The following trustee behavioral traits are listed are in no particular order and are not necessarily all-inclusive.

- **Integrity**
- **Committed** – To a demanding task, able to sacrifice professional, family, and relaxation time.
- **Available and responsive** - Available for meetings of the Board and expected attendance at meetings is possible, will see Board business as a priority and will respond to Board business in a timely manner – not overcommitted.
- **Courage** – Fortitude to stand up and make difficult decisions on controversial issues. No need to be loved.
- **Tireless** – In completing the chores, papers, policy review, resource searches and reading for the Board as well as attendance at related societal (ABMS) and committee (Credentials Committee, Recertification Committee, etc.) meetings.
- **Spokesman** – For the goals and principles of the Board even in the face of controversy, possibly against powerful special interests.
- **Compatible and Constructive Personality** (Collegiality)
- **Lack of conflict and ability to be objective:** represent and work for the good of urology as a whole rather than their institution, community, subspecialty, society, etc.

The ABU encourages racial, ethnic, gender and practice diversity among its Trustees. ABU also encourages the inclusion of non-academic practitioners. Geographical consideration is considered so that the board of trustees represents diverse areas of the country (this is the least relevant requirement of the requirements and behavioral traits listed above).

ABU TRUSTEE GENERAL INFORMATION

- Trustees of the American Board of Urology serve a six-year, non-renewable term.
- New Trustees' election to the Board becomes official at the annual meeting the following February and the six-year term begins at the adjournment of that meeting (two Trustees conclude their terms and two new Trustees begin their terms).
- The Board currently holds two required meetings per year:
 - a summer (interim) meeting - At the Summer Meeting virtually all Trustees bring their spouses or partners. This is a working meeting; however, time is set aside for recreation. The meeting is usually in August and lasts for four days. Trustees must arrive the day before the meeting begins and depart the day after the meeting is concluded.
 - a winter (annual) meeting immediately prior to the Certifying (Part 2) Examination every February. All Trustees serve as oral examiners at the Certifying (Part 2) Examination. The Winter Meeting and Part 2 Exam takes place over four days.
 - Trustees may be appointed as Board representatives to the RRC, ABMS or other organizations. It would be necessary to attend and travel to whatever meetings would be associated with any appointment.
 - The ABU covers the cost of coach airfare and other appropriate expenses associated with your attendance at all Board meetings.
- Attendance at the meetings of the Board is mandatory. If a potential Trustee is unable to fulfill this obligation, he/she should request that the Board appoint another nominee as Trustee.
- Mission of the Board: *To act for the benefit of the public to ensure high quality, safe, efficient and ethical practice of Urology by establishing and maintaining standards of certification for urologists.*
- Function of the Board: The American Board of Urology is organized to encourage study, improve standards, and promote competency in the practice of urology. The objective of the Board is to identify for the public's knowledge those physicians who have satisfied the Board's criteria for certification and recertification in the specialty of urology. The Board arranges and conducts examinations testing the qualifications of voluntary candidates and grants and issues certificates to accepted candidates duly licensed to practice medicine. The certificate is the property of the Board, and the Board holds the power to revoke such a certificate. The Board also evaluates and examines Diplomates for purposes of recertification. The Board endeavors to serve the public, hospitals, medical schools, medical societies, and practitioners of medicine by preparing a list of urologists whom it has certified.
- Trustees must refrain from participation in review courses designed to prepare for ABU examinations during their period of service to the Board and for four years thereafter.