

# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## **Guidelines**

The AUA will select two individuals —one nominee for Governor and an alternate. The alternate will only be called upon when the nominee (and subsequently approved Governor) is unable to complete their term if for any reason, such as resignation. In these cases, the alternate will assume the role of Governor, and complete the remainder of the term.

Final approval is granted for nominees at the Annual Meeting of Members during the Clinical Congress. Appointment notifications are sent to the AUA and new Governor in November.

The nomination form includes submission of a CV for the nominee (a CV is not required for the alternate) along with a brief statement on why the nominee and alternate were chosen.

## **Considerations**

- Nominees must be Fellows of the American College of Surgeons as well as members of your society. Individuals who are not in active surgical practice should not be considered for nomination.
- ACS suggests conducting either an open call and/or selecting from someone already in AUA leadership. In addition to diversity (gender, race, geographic, rural/urban, academic/private), interest in serving, and time commitment ACS wants to ensure whomever is selected is engaged in two-way communication (e.g., report back to AUA leadership on ACS activities as well as provide a way for any AUA concerns/issues to be addressed by ACS). ACS process suggestions for appointing a governor include:
  - Provide an open and deliberate advertised nomination to AUA's membership. The nomination process should outline and address any issues of diversity (gender, race, geographic, rural/urban, academic/private) to promote equal opportunity for qualified candidates.
  - Nominees should be chosen from the most experienced and effective members within your leadership group and that elected Governors are members of AUA's Executive Committee, either as regular or ex officio members. Special consideration of women and other under-represented minorities is strongly encouraged.
- Individuals who are not in active surgical practice should not be considered for nomination.

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

Governors are an official, direct communications link between the Fellows of the College and the Board of Regents. Throughout their term(s), Governors are focused on attending, communicating, and participating in the following activities:

- Governor Attendance
  - Attend Clinical Congress in the fall.
  - Attend the Spring Leadership & Advocacy Summit (*spring meeting attendance is not required for international governors*). Advocacy Summit participation is encouraged but not required
  - Attend chapter and/or specialty society meetings.
  - Attend Regional Committee on Applicant meetings (*Domestic Governors, if applicable*).
- Governor Communication
  - Provide bidirectional communication between the Board of Governors and their constituents.
  - Provide report(s) to Chapter or Specialty Society.

- Provide feedback to Board of Governor Workgroups and the Executive Committee.
- Promote American College of Surgeons (ACS) Fellowship in local area and/or in specialty society.
- Welcome and engage new Fellows into the ACS from local area/organization.
- Be actively engaged in with the Board of Governors/Board of Regents Online Community.
- Governor Participation
  - Actively participate in a Board of Governors workgroup.
  - Participate in Board of Governor meetings at the Leadership & Advocacy Summit.
  - Participate in the Board of Governors Annual Business Meeting and Adjourned Meeting at Clinical Congress.
  - Participate in Convocation and the Annual Meeting of Members at Clinical Congress.
  - Complete the Board of Governors Annual Survey.