SDPA Leadership Positions Open
2027-2028 Term

Eligibility and Qualifications
A candidate for an elected position must be a Fellow Member in good standing of both the SDPA and the AAPA and must retain this status throughout the term during which they serve in such elected position. They must also meet any further conditions or qualifications that may be set forth elsewhere in these Bylaws or additional requirements adopted by the Board of Directors or Nominating Committee.

An individual may not simultaneously serve on the SDPA Board of Directors and the governing board of an SDPA state affiliate or chapter. Candidates must meet this requirement at the time they assume a position on the SDPA Board of Directors.

Additional eligibility requirements are listed below under each position, if applicable.

- ## President-Elect
  The President-Elect supports the President, prepares for their upcoming term, and provides leadership on organizational priorities. This role ensures continuity and long-term planning across leadership transitions. The three-year term includes serving one year as president-elect, one year as President, and one year as immediate past President. This position serves as an officer on SDPA's Board of Directors.

  ***Eligibility for President-Elect from SDPA's Bylaws: Candidates for President-Elect must have been a Voting Member or non-voting Member of the SDPA for at least three (3) years prior to being nominated and a Fellow Member for at least two (2) years prior to being nominated. By the date the candidate would, if elected, take office, the candidate must have completed three (3) distinct full years of leadership within SDPA, including a minimum of two (2) full years of service on the SDPA Board of Directors.*

- ## Vice President
  The Vice President shall have oversight of the standing committees of the SDPA, assist the President with the appointment of committee chairs and orient the committee chairs to the SDPA. The Vice President will also perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

- ## Director at Large (3 Openings)
  Directors-at-Large serve as voting members of the Board and contribute to SDPA's strategic direction, governance, and organizational initiatives. They represent the interests of the membership and support the advancement of the PA profession in dermatology. This is a two-year term.

- ## Nominating Committee (1 Opening)

  The Nominating Committee plays a vital role in identifying and recommending strong leaders to serve the Society. Committee members are responsible for reviewing applications for elected leadership positions, evaluating candidates based on the qualifications outlined in the SDPA Bylaws and Board-approved criteria, and endorsing a slate of candidates for each open position.

  Committee members are expected to exercise sound judgment, maintain confidentiality, and ensure a fair, objective, and transparent nomination process that supports the organization's long-term success.

  Eligibility and Qualifications. Nominating Committee members serve staggered two-year terms and may not be candidates for any elected position being considered by the Committee during their term of service. Additionally:

  i. A candidate must have accumulated at least five distinct years of recognized leadership experience in the past seven years through service to the SDPA, an SDPA constituent organization or an SDPA affiliated organization. Examples include, but are not limited to, SDPA elected office or Committee Chair, service in the AAPA (task force, House of Delegates, or liaison) and the Dermatology PA Foundation.
  ii. Any calendar year or Academy year in which the candidate served in more than one area of professional involvement shall be counted as one distinct year of experience.
  iii. Past Presidents of the SDPA are eligible for service on the Nominating Committee solely by the virtue of past proven service and dedication to the organization and will not be held to the leadership requirements listed above.
  iv. With the exception of the Board-appointed member and Immediate Past President, a Nominating Committee member cannot hold any other elected office or committee chair position in the SDPA during the time of service on the Nominating Committee.

- ## House of Delegates, Junior

  The term of office shall be for two years. The SDPA's Board of Directors shall promulgate and establish rules and procedures for the conduct of the SDPA Delegate to the AAPA House of Delegates.

  The newly elected SDPA Delegate will serve the first year of the individual's term as a Junior Delegate. Upon completion of this first year, the remainder of the delegate's term will be served as a Senior Delegate. The Senior Delegate shall attend the meetings of the SDPA's Board of Directors as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board, and make an annual report to the membership.

  Eligibility. No individual shall be eligible to serve as the House of Delegates, Junior unless the individual is a Fellow Member in good standing of both the SDPA and the AAPA (See appropriate AAPA Policy in Section H-SR, Standing Rules).