

Seeking nominations for 2027 Program Chair and Member-at-Large for the 2025-2026 Steering Committee

As past-president and chair of the Nominating Committee (NC), I would like to solicit your nominations for the program chair for the 2027 AADPRT Annual Meeting and the newly created member-at-large position on the Steering Committee (SC).

Program Chair-elect

The program chair leads the planning efforts for the 2027 annual meeting along with Rashi Aggarwal who is slated to be president at that time. When we choose a program chair-elect, we help direct the future of AADPRT. This person will serve on SC through a yearly progression as program chair-elect, program chair, secretary/treasurer, president-elect, president, and then past president with the option to stay on as past-past president in a non-voting role. This six-year path ensures that the President has substantial experience with and knowledge of the workings of the organization and has the benefit of the experience of their predecessors. Please click here for a description of the roles of the various leadership positions and the program chair timeline.

For the 2024-2025 nominating period, I will chair NC and will be joined in my deliberations by Raman Marwaha (IMG Committee), Jessica Sandoval (J.E.D.I. Committee), and Members-at Large Simarpreet Kaur and Daniel Gih. We will also receive some guidance from Mary Burris who served on last year's NC. To read more about the NC process, click here.

To be eligible for the program chair-elect position, you must be a psychiatrist who is an AADRPT individual or emeritus member. In addition, you must have served within the past five (5) years as a training director (TD) or assistant/associate training director (ATD). This gives us the freedom to select and retain people in AADPRT leadership positions who have been training directors, but have moved on to other leadership roles within their AADPRT affiliated organization. Current members of NC cannot be nominated for program chair.

Once nominee names have been solicited, NC will reach out nominees requesting a CV and personal statement outlining why they want to help lead AADPRT, a description of their involvement within AADPRT, key leadership experiences outside of AADPRT, and a brief description of their short- and long-term career goals. A 30-minute Zoom interview with at least three NC members will then be scheduled to explore:

- Their interest in the position
- What the nominee has brought to, and gained from, AADPRT involvement
- Areas of leadership
- How they bring diversity to the position

The selection will be announced at the 2025 Annual Meeting in San Francisco!

Member-at-Large

To foster increased communication with AADPRT membership from someone who is not on the six-year leadership trajectory, we have created the member-at-large position on SC. This is a two-year term as a voting member of SC and the Executive Council (EC). The individual selected will be expected to attend the monthly (or more frequent) virtual SC meetings and the three-times-a-year, in-person SC and EC meetings (at AADPRT, APA, and AAP). The eligibility requirements for this position include:

- AADPRT individual physician member for at least 3 years
- Current training director (TD) or assistant/associate training director (ATD)
- Not a current member of EC. [Note people who are members of the EC by virtue of a presidential appointment are eligible].



Not a current or past member of SC.

In selecting the member-at-large the applicant will be asked:

- Their goals and reasons for wanting to serve in the role
- How they have been engaged in the AADPRT community
- How they will advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging within the AADPRT leadership with special attention to perspectives currently underrepresented on SC

The applicant will be assessed in the areas of:

- Goals and motivation for wanting to serve in the role
- Potential to advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging within AADPRT leadership with special attention to underrepresented perspectives including background, life experience, race, gender, program setting (e.g., rural vs. urban, community vs. university, military, VA-based), and program size
- Evidence of prior engagement within the AADPRT community (e.g., committee member, caucus member, Annual Meeting presenter, etc.)

Nominations for both positions will be accepted through Thursday, January 9, 2025. We encourage you to self-nominate (member-at-large and program chair) or nominate someone (program chair) who you feel has the leadership experience and interest to lead our organization. If you are nominating someone for program chair, you must confirm your nominee's willingness to serve *before* you nominate them!

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about the process.

Please submit your nomination via the button below. Thank you for your involvement in this crucial process.

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Submit Program Chair Nomination

Submit SC Member-at-Large Nomination