



Understanding the AAEP Board of Directors Election Process and the Role of the Nominating Committee

The American Association of Equine Practitioners is committed to advancing equine veterinary medicine and supporting practitioners worldwide. A key component of this mission is the election of board members and officers, a process overseen by the AAEP Nominating Committee.

The AAEP Nominating Committee: Composition and Role

Committee Responsibilities:

The Nominating Committee plays a crucial role in shaping the organization's leadership. Its primary responsibility is to oversee elections of board members, the Vice President and the Treasurer (in applicable years) and ensure that leadership positions are filled in a fair and equitable manner with the best interests of the association in mind.

Candidates for leadership positions are considered for these roles based on criteria such as integrity, peer respect, engagement with AAEP membership, communications and consensus building and advocacy for equine practitioners.

By facilitating fair elections, the Committee maintains transparency and integrity in the selection process. The Committee is also charged with reviewing annual award nominations and recommending recipients for the AAEP's awards program for final selection by the AAEP Board.

Note: The process for serving on the Nominating Committee is prescribed in the AAEP's bylaws and can be found [here](#) (read Article VI, Section 2 – Committees); however, with the recent changes in the bylaws, there are now more opportunities to serve. If you are interested in serving, be sure to update your Volunteer Interest Form and indicate interest in the Nominating Committee.

2026 Nominating Committee Roster:

- Katie Garrett, 2026 chair
- Erin Contino
- Stacey Cordivano
- Rob Franklin
- Katie Flynn
- Kenton Morgan
- Tracy Turner