



AAAOM BOD Candidate Code of Ethics

This policy has been created to help ensure an election environment that is fair to all candidates. While some candidates may naturally have an advantage because they are a well known national figure in AOM or are already on the AAAOM Board of Directors (BOD), the purpose of this policy is to lay the ground rules to attempt to create an even playing field for all candidates. This policy has been written by the AAAOM Nomination Committee and approved by the AAAOM BOD. This policy is enforced by the AAAOM Elections Committee.

If the AAAOM Elections Committee is made aware or becomes aware that any candidate has violated the following code of ethics, the Elections Committee will meet to investigate said violation in a swift and timely manner. If a candidate is found to have violated the Candidate Code of Ethics their candidacy status will become invalid and the AAAOM General Membership will be notified in a timely manner.

Proper candidate conduct:

- Candidates may promote themselves via official AAAOM communication venues (i.e. candidate statements posted on AAAOM website, AAAOM mailings, AAAOM publications, AAAOM sponsored conference calls, AAAOM forum, etc.) with approval of the AAAOM Elections Committee.
- Campaigning outside of official AAAOM communication venues (As stated above) is not subject to AAAOM Elections Committee approval, however, each candidate is required to express that their viewpoints in all venues are personal and are not representative of the AAAOM.
- Candidates that currently serve on the AAAOM BOD may not use any official AAAOM publication, signature, letter head, etc for the purposes of promoting their candidacy.
- Self promotion and acknowledging one's own accomplishments is welcomed, however negative campaigning against the character of another candidate(s) is strictly prohibited.
- Candidates acknowledge and agree that any false, misleading or inaccurate statements, intentionally or unintentionally made or submitted by prospective Candidates will result in a rejection of said candidacy, without exception.
- Candidates agree to follow any rules and procedures as determined by the AAAOM, Elections Committee and Nominations committee.

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