Call for Candidates for AMA Nomination for the American Board of Radiology

The AMA is soliciting AMA member candidates for nomination by the AMA Board of Trustees to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Board of Radiology (ABR).

NOTE: There are FIVE nomination opportunities for ABR Board Trustee, one each in:
- Pediatric Radiology;
- Interventional Radiology;
- Abdominal Imaging;
- Quality/Safety of Diagnostic Radiology; and
- Radiation Oncology.

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The term of these positions is 3 years, beginning September 2018. Trustees may serve two consecutive terms.

FROM ABR: “WHAT DOES ABR TRUSTEE SERVICE ENTAIL?”
Serving as an ABR trustee embodies volunteerism, an opportunity for professional fulfillment, and has an associated time commitment. All of our professional organizations depend upon the many volunteers who give their time and effort. Those commitments are not trivial, but it is also hard to overstate the rewards. The opportunity to serve, to lead and to direct the efforts of our professional societies is truly an honor.

To fulfill the responsibilities of an ABR trustee requires that the volunteer give some measure of both professional and free time. It also requires flexibility on the part of the trustee’s employer. A significant portion of this work is done on weekends, which lessens the weekday time away from the department or practice.

The work of the ABR has expanded dramatically in the last several years as MOC programming has expanded and the role of the ABMS member boards has matured relative to American healthcare delivery. Fortunately, trustees are not expected to do all the work related to board certification alone; they couldn’t possibly get it done. Instead, the ABR has an extensive committee structure with many capable volunteers, as well as a dedicated, highly skilled staff.

Trustees are expected to participate in the development and administration of the ABR exams each year, as well as two or three board retreats. There are also several test assembly meetings annually, each of which requires a few days of participation. The various ABR committees each have their own schedules, but a trustee is not expected to participate in all of them. Monitoring, guidance and occasional intervention are often all that is required, although certain critical committees are chaired by trustees.
TYPICAL OVERVIEW OF YEARLY TIME COMMITMENT FOR AN ABR TRUSTEE

Conference calls
Approximately one to three per month, depending on committee involvement.

Correspondence
Reading correspondence and documents and engaging in related email comments and/or discussions on issues (several times per week).

Meetings at the Board office in Tucson
Annual test assemblies (varies according to the subspecialty, but may be a total of 6-8 days, including travel).

Board meetings
Two to three meetings (a total of 8-14 days)

Other committee meetings
One or two per year (a total of 4-5 days)

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS TO ABR

ABR Requirements
1. Nominees must be certified by the American Board of Radiology.

2. Nominees must be in Pediatric Radiology, Interventional Radiology, Abdominal Imaging, Quality/Safety of Diagnostic Radiology, or Radiation Oncology.

3. Experience in education and training is desirable, but not required.

4. Nominees must be serious and independent thinkers.

5. Ideally, nominees should be chosen from among leaders with a demonstrated commitment to volunteer work in radiology societies, foundations, and/or related organizations, as well as a past history of service to the ABR.

6. The ABR will consider nominees from all types of practices, including private practice, community hospitals, and academic practices.

7. Additionally, participation in ABR’s Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program is required of ABR Trustees. Those not currently enrolled in MOC are required to do so prior to beginning service.

AMA Requirements
Each candidate for AMA nomination must be a member of the AMA at the time of consideration. If appointed, he/she must maintain AMA member status throughout the term of appointment. AMA membership does not guarantee a position. Non-members may activate
their membership online at www.ama-assn.org/go/join or call AMA Member Relations at 800.262.3211.

TO APPLY FOR NOMINATION
To apply for nomination, complete and email the following documents to Mary O’Leary at mary.oleary@ama-assn.org. The documentation must be received no later than Monday, December 4, 2017.


2. Current abbreviated curriculum vitae [not to exceed three (3) pages].


4. Optional: Up to two letters of recommendation addressed to the AMA.

Please direct questions to:

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