

**AAPT By-Law Changes**  
**June 2025**  
**(minor updates, August 2025)**

**Current By-Laws:** <https://www.aapt.org/aboutaapt/AAPT-By-Laws-2015.cfm>

**Addition of the Early-Career Directorship**

**ARTICLE IV: *Board of Directors***

**Section IV.2. Number of Directors.** The Board shall consist of **twelve** voting Directors, who shall be: (a) the following Officers of the Association: Vice President, President-Elect, President, **Past President**, Secretary, and Treasurer; **(b) four** Members-at-Large; and **(c)** the Chair and Vice Chair of the Section Representatives, who shall be ex officio voting Directors. In addition, the Editor of the American Journal of Physics, the Editor of The Physics Teacher, and the Association's Executive Officer shall be ex officio non-voting Directors. As used in these By-Laws, "entire Board" means the **twelve** voting Directors. The Board may change the number of Directors within the range set forth in the Association's Certificate of Incorporation by amending these By-Laws upon approval of two-thirds of the entire Board, as provided in Article X, except that in no case may any decrease in the number of Directors shorten the term of any incumbent Director.

**Section IV.3. Election and Term of Directors.** At, or during the autumn prior to, each annual meeting of the members, the members shall elect Directors concurrently with the election of Officers by a plurality of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote in the election. Each Director shall hold office from the close of the annual meeting following such Director's election until the close of the annual meeting at the end of such Director's term in office as specified herein and until such Director's successor has been elected and qualified, or until such Director's death, resignation or removal. During each annual election, the members shall elect the Vice President, either the Secretary or the Treasurer, and **one or two** Member(s)-at-Large, in addition to any elections required **to** fill any vacancies among the Directors or Officers. The tenure of incumbent Directors shall not be affected by an increase or decrease in the number of Directors.

**(a)** The Director elected as Vice President shall serve a four-year term consisting of successive one-year positions as Vice President, President-Elect, President, and Past President.

**(b)** The Directors elected as Secretary and Treasurer shall serve two-year terms and be elected in alternate years. Neither shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

**(c)** The **four** Members-at-Large shall serve staggered three-year terms. Three shall be elected for their experience with, respectively, (i) high schools, (ii) two-year colleges, (iii) four-year

colleges and universities. **The fourth (iv) shall be early in their professional career as a physics educator.** Members-at-Large shall not serve consecutive terms except when a person has been elected to complete a term associated with a vacancy.

#### **Update to Nominating Committee: Name and number of members**

#### **Article VI: *Committees of the Association***

**Section VI.2. Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.** There shall be a **Nominating and Leadership Development Committee** whose responsibility shall include the selection of candidates for election to the positions of Vice President, Members-at-Large, and in alternate years, Secretary or Treasurer of the Association, the selection of candidates for election by the members to fill vacancies in unexpired multi-year terms, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board. The Secretary shall instruct each Nominating Committee as to the positions to be filled by election, what is required for the ballot, when it must be received, and what have been past practices and customs. The **Nominating and Leadership Development Committee** shall consist of **seven** members, each of whom shall be members of the Association, whose names shall be presented at the annual meeting of members. The Board shall designate a Chair and **four** additional members. The Section Representatives shall designate two members. The Committee shall serve until the individuals whom they have nominated, or such other individuals who may be elected, take office. If there is a vacancy in the Chair of the Nominating Committee, a new Chair shall be chosen by members of the committee. If there is a vacancy on the committee, the remainder of the committee shall select an additional member to fill the unexpired term.

#### **Addition of the Past President as an Officer of the Association**

#### **ARTICLE VIII: *Officers, Agents, and Employees***

**Section VIII.1. General Provisions.** The Officers of the Association shall be the President, the President-Elect, the Vice President, **the Past President**, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Executive Officer, and such other corporate Officers as the Board shall determine.

**The remove a redundant statement in the By-Laws:**

#### **Section VII.2. Section Representatives**

**(b)** The Chair of the Section Representatives and the Association Secretary shall receive annual reports of the activities of Sections and shall be notified of changes in Section constitutions. The Board may request changes in Section constitutions where these are inconsistent with policies of the Association.

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