Guidelines for Candidates for Elective Office

Introduction

To ensure that a broad spectrum of willing and qualified potential nominees are considered for candidacy to ASHP elective offices the Board of Directors has charged the Committee on Nominations with carrying out an annual search process for the selection of candidates and assembling a roster of nominees. The source for potential nominees comes from individual members, affiliated state societies, councils, committees, and other ASHP leadership bodies. Once a slate of candidates for elective office is prepared the names are sent to the ASHP House of Delegates.

Policy

Receipt of the report from the Committee on Nominations the Society widely publicizes to voting members through all of its communication media (print and electronic) the names, background and qualification of all nominees. The Election Bulletin which contains information about each candidate is maintained on the ASHP website throughout the election season until voting closes.

Once the candidates for elective office are announced at the ASHP Summer Meetings it is expected that candidates for office will avoid activities that would be viewed as self-promotional or “campaigning” for election whether in print, through electronic media such as social networking forums or blogs, or actual statements by the candidate. Further, candidates should not endorse or encourage others or third parties to promote their individual candidacy for office. Any third-party announcements or other forms of broad communication that discusses the upcoming election should include all candidates for a particular office and their qualifications and should not promote the selection of a specific candidate.

Further, individuals who are candidates for office in the Society are expected to protect ASHP’s image, not to engage in any activity which might bring discredit to the Society, and not to participate in discussions or votes if a personal conflict of interest is involved. These individuals are advised to review the “ASHP Policy on accepting Corporate Support and avoiding Conflicts of Interest” and the “ASHP Policies on Conflict of Interest, Disclosure, and External Business/Professional Activities for Board of Directors”.

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