# PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (P&C) BOARD

**(One candidate to be elected for 6-year terms, 2026-2032)**

P&C Board terms run for six-years, with terms beginning on July 1 of the first year and ending on June 30 of the sixth year. The function of the Publication and Communications Board is to:

* Make recommendations on current and innovative plans and policies relevant to APA’s publishing program, including acquisition, management, initiation, or discontinuance of journals, separates, bibliographic and related publications, and information services
* Participate in editor searches and appoint journal editors

During 2025, an election will occur to fill one vacancy on the P&C Board due to the completion of a six-year term. The newly elected candidate will be formally seated on July 1, 2026. The selected individual will be invited to attend Spring 2026 P&C Board meetings in their status as members-elect.

The P&C Board usually meets four times per year, in February, May, August and October. Meetings in February and August last three to four hours. The meetings in May could potentially be day-long and in person; if not they will be virtual meetings over two days lasting four hours each day. The October meetings are virtual and run approximately four hours per day over two days. Meeting preparations tend to take members one to two hours. APA would cover reasonable travel expenses for P&C Board Members to any in-person meetings. There are occasional emails and online votes to approve non-controversial items such as meeting minutes. P&C Board members chair searches for open editorships of APA journals. While most P&C Members chair one search per year, some agree to chair an additional search. P&C Members typically spend up to five hours per year on each search.

With respect to the specific qualifications, nominees should be psychologists whose primary expertise is in one or more of the following content areas:

* Adult clinical
* Psychopharmacology
* Animal research
* Public policy and law
* Psychological intervention and prevention science
* Disability studies

With respect to general qualifications, nominees must have editorial experience equivalent to a minimum of three years’ service on editorial boards of two or more journals, or five years’ experience authoring and reviewing with several journals. Actual experience as a journal editor or associate editor is preferable, as is experience editing or co-editing two or more books. Nominees must have authored at least 12 journal articles and four book chapters. It is preferable that nominees have experience in the technical aspects of publishing through service on other “P&C-like” committees of APA divisions or other associations/societies. All nominees are asked to provide a CV with the nomination.

The P&C Board is strongly committed to ensuring diversity of its membership, and therefore encourage applicants of all gender, race, ethnicity, and career stages. The P&C Board particularly encourages nominations from historically marginalized or underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and those who identify with a disability.

APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a much greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2024 the Council of Representatives revised and adopted its 2019 [strategic plan](https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/apa-apasi-strategic-plan-2024.pdf) that sets APA’s organizational priorities for the next three to five years. APA groups actively collaborate across APA to align the work of elected and appointed leaders, staff, and the broader membership in service of advancing the strategic plan. Given the importance of this approach to the Association’s strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to review the strategic plan to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.