

Proposal:
Chronic Pain Anonymous Service Board
Nominee Process

Background: Historically new Chronic Pain Anonymous Service Board (CPASB) members were nominated and voted into position by the current board members. The World Service Conference (WSC) Charter states: “The Board elects its own successors with nominees approved by the WSC or a committee thereof.” This practice has not been acknowledged at previous conferences. Each group is equal, and has the authority to nominate a qualified member of their choosing. This proposal marks a recommitment to follow our structure that safeguards the fellowship by keeping the CPASB close to the groups. As it says in Concept 12: “...that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power...”

Mission: To follow the World Service Conference Charter and officially receive nominations from the fellowship for Chronic Pain Anonymous Service Board members.

Proposal: The WSC and the CPASB requests approval of the process to receive CPASB nominees from groups through their elected delegates at the WSC.

WSC gives CPASB a selection of candidates to stand for the CPASB.

Process:

1. Delegates are asked for nominations
 - a. A letter goes out to the delegates describing the role of the CPASB, open officer positions, committee chair positions, and member duties included
 - i. A request for nominations is included in the letter with a deadline for December
 - ii. A suggestion of how to select a nominee is given, including qualifications and commitment
 - iii. An application is included
 - b. Delegates send back nominations including completed applications for the CPASB and the positions desired
 - c. Those nominees are then presented at the WSC where they are confirmed by the WSC

2. During the WSC a delegate (who did not follow the above process) can get nominated, seconded and confirmed by the WSC
 - a. A delegate can nominate someone on the spot for a position on the CPASB
 - i. The CPASB President will follow up with the delegate with all related application forms during the WSC
 - b. The nominee has 30 days after the WSC to complete the application process and [return the application to the CPASB President at https://forms.gle/ite493aRou4fZPPM6](https://forms.gle/ite493aRou4fZPPM6)

3. The CPASB receives the completed nominations from the WSC Planning Committee Chairperson
 - a. Each nominee is scheduled to interview with the CPASB during the next Board Meeting.
 - b. During the CPASB meeting, the nominees are interviewed and voted in by the current eligible voting members of the CPASB
 - c. The new term of office for the nominees begins April 1

4. If needed (if CPASB membership drops below 3 CPA members) as a failsafe, a call for new nominees can be made through the GAC. As stated in the *Chronic Pain Anonymous Service Handbook*, "It (CPASB) is composed of five to fifteen volunteers, a minimum of three from the fellowship and two from outside the fellowship."
 - a. GAC votes to approve the nominees
 - b. The GAC President will follow up with the delegate with all related application forms directly following the monthly GAC meeting.
 - c. Nominees are sent to the CPASB President:
<https://forms.gle/ite493aRou4fZPPM6>
 - d. Application review, interview and approval process will be no later than 60 days after receiving application
 - i. Once a CPASB member is voted in, their term of office will begin immediately.
 - ii. Most CPASB members serve for three years. When a member is voted in mid-year, they can opt to serve the extra months (serve for more than three years) or end their term early (serve for less than three years) depending on when the WSC falls during their term.

Trustee Board suggested positions

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

CPA Trustee 1:

CPA Trustee 2:

CPA Trustee 3:

CPA Trustee 4:

CPA Trustee 5:

CPA Trustee 6:

CPA Trustee 7:

Non-CPA Trustee 1:

Non-CPA Trustee 2:

Non-CPA Trustee 3:

Non-CPA Trustee 4:

Concept 12: The Conference shall observe the spirit of CPA tradition, taking care that it never

becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserves be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform authoritative acts of government; that, like the Fellowship it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.