



Congratulations on your nomination to the American Board of Preventive Medicine! Service on the Board is a great honor and is accorded to very few preventive medicine physicians. Here are the answers to many of the questions nominees frequently ask.

1. What are the areas of responsibility of the ABPM Board Members (i.e. the Directors)? ABPM

Directors direct and oversee the initial board certification and maintenance of certification processes.

2. How does the Board accomplish this work? Working committees are an integral aspect of ABPM service. Directors serve on one of the board examination writing subcommittees, with one meeting per year. Other committee meetings (e.g., Finance, Certification, Nominating, MOC) are contiguous with the full ABPM meetings. Work continues throughout the year via conference calls and email.

3. How frequently does the Board meet? The Board meets at least twice a year in varying locations; once in early August in Chicago and once in early February. The meetings range from 3 to 6 days in length, which includes the committee and travel time. The Directors meet periodically via conference calls as well.

4. Is attendance at the meetings required? Given that the majority of ABPM action takes place during these meetings, attendance at the biannual meetings is a principal expectation.

5. How long do Directors serve on the Board? Directors are elected for an initial term of three years and may be re-elected for two additional three-year terms. While a Director may resign at any time or may not be re-elected, one should expect to serve for 9 years as one weighs the decision to stand for initial election to the Board.

6. Are Directors paid for their service? No. Directors are volunteers and receive no pay for their service. They are reimbursed for normal expenses associated with Board-related travel.

7. Will I be expected to immediately take on responsibilities upon joining the Board? Responsibilities will progressively increase as one becomes familiar with the organization and function of the Board. All Directors can expect to assume additional leadership roles such as chairing a committee or task force, becoming Vice Chair of one of the specialty areas, or holding other officer positions (e.g., Secretary, Treasurer).

8. Are there other leadership opportunities available to Directors? A Director may be asked to represent ABPM to other organizations such as the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the ACGME's Residency Review Committee (RRC) for Preventive Medicine. Such service is important to the ABPM and these leadership opportunities are greatly encouraged.

9. How many Directors serve on the Board? ABPM has eleven Directors.

We encourage you to contact any of the Board's officers or staff with any additional questions as you fully explore the expectations and opportunities of Board service. Again, congratulations on your nomination!