

Guidelines for AAPS and Section Committee Structure

The following are guidelines to better assure a vigorous committee structure for AAPS and full participation by the entire membership.

1. Regular rotation of committee chairs. Chairs should ordinarily be rotated at least every three years. This will help assure a constant flow of new ideas and leadership.
2. Annual incorporation of new members. At least a third of the committee membership should be new each year. Ordinarily, these should be selected from a list of volunteers for committee assignments solicited from the membership every fall.
3. Where possible, committee chairs should be strongly encouraged to select at least half of their new members from a list of AAPS member volunteers who have not previously served on AAPS committees.
4. Discouragement of multiple committee memberships. This will simultaneously assure broader participation and relieve any individual members of the burden of excessive responsibilities.
5. Activities of all AAPS committees should be reported periodically in the *AAPS Newsmagazine* and, as appropriate, regularly solicit input from the membership. This will encourage interest in the committee activities and elicit greater participation in their activities by the general membership.
6. Committees, which have been inactive for a year (maybe even 6 months), should be discontinued unless there are some compelling extenuating circumstances.
7. As opposed to standing committees with defined charters which tend to stay constant more or less indefinitely, AAPS should readily form ad hoc committees to accomplish specific tasks. and will minimize bureaucracy and inherently encourage more rapid turnover of committee membership and the involvement of new members.