

# AABP Candidacy Guidelines



## Candidate Requirements

Candidates must have a demonstrated history of involvement in the AABP, and be willing to commit the amount of time required for the desired office. Such requirements are as follows:

- **Office-specific Minimum Requirements**
  - Vice President
    - **≥8 years** of continuous AABP membership (can include student membership, and years served in military service are exempt from “continuous” requirement)
    - Prior AABP service in the form of serving either on the Board of Directors, being a Committee Chair, or serving in an AABP role that provides significant benefit to membership
    - Attended **at least two** AABP Annual Conferences
  - District Director
    - **≥5 years** of continuous AABP membership (can include student membership, and years served in military service are exempt from “continuous” requirement)
  - AABP Delegate in the AVMA House of Delegates
    - **≥5 years** of continuous AABP membership (can include student membership, and years served in military service are exempt from “continuous” requirement)
- **Commitment to AABP Service**
  - The AABP will provide prospective candidates with an overview of expected time commitments, and the candidate must agree to commit to the expected time within the year, or years, of duty obligated by the specific office

## Candidate Conduct

Candidates will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with that of a professional bovine practitioner in each and every candidacy activity. This will include, but not be limited to:

- **No negative campaigning**
  - Because all candidates have been vetted by the AABP Board of Directors, negative observations about opponents shall not be offered
  - Offering negative comments about the AABP membership or leadership structure is considered unprofessional and inappropriate, and intolerable candidate conduct
- **Campaign resources will be limited to those available to a typical AABP member**
  - Candidates are prohibited from utilizing resources from their company or institution that would not be available to a typical AABP member. Prohibited resources include, but are not limited to, the following costs that may be reimbursed or covered by the candidate’s company or institution:
    - Travel expenses
    - Mailing expenses

- Publication expenses
  - Secretarial services
- **Campaign opportunities made available to candidates**
  - Candidates may compose a maximum of three short communications to be sent to AABP members from the AABP office on their behalf
    - AABP reserves the right to proof the communications and recommend changes as needed
  - The AABP office will submit, on behalf of the candidates, weekly reminders for members to vote, and a link will be provided to make voting easy
- **Complaints relative to candidate conduct**
  - If behaviour inconsistent with the aforementioned guidelines is observed, a written (electronic communications are acceptable) complaint shall be presented to the AABP Board of Directors
    - The Board of Directors will review the complaint, and reserves the right to remove the candidate's name from the ballot