

Public Representative Nomination: Volunteer Guidance

Thank you for your interest in the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification (ASCP BOC) [Board of Governors](#) (BOG). The composition of the BOG includes one **Public Representative** to ensure the Board benefits from an independent, non-professional perspective and remains accountable to the public it serves.

Public representatives help:

- Represent the public/consumer interest
- Provide an unbiased, external perspective
- Strengthen transparency and accountability

What is a Public Representative?

A public representative is **not part of the medical laboratory profession or healthcare industry** and brings a perspective that differs from credentialed professionals.

Ideal candidates:

- Have prior board or committee experience
- Demonstrate commitment to the public interest
- Are comfortable asking questions and offering diverse, independent viewpoints

Eligibility requirements (strict criteria)

To qualify, a nominee **must NOT**:

- Be a healthcare professional
- Be employed by or financially tied to healthcare or related industries
- Receive income from healthcare or credentialing organizations
- Be a current/former ASCP BOC committee or part of the BOC team
- Have immediate family in the profession or related roles

These criteria ensure that the public representative is fully independent and free from conflicts of interest.

What makes a strong representative nominee?

When searching for a candidate, the ASCP BOC looks for individuals who:

Bring the right perspective

- Represent community, patient, or consumer viewpoints
- Demonstrate advocacy or public service experience

Have governance experience

- Served on boards, advisory groups, or committees
- Understand group decision-making and fiduciary responsibilities

Contribute effectively

- Ask thoughtful questions
- Communicate clearly and constructively

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- Work collaboratively in a professional setting

The most important qualification is independence and ability to represent the public interest

Public representatives play a critical role in:

- Ensuring balanced decision-making
- Strengthening public trust
- Supporting the Board's mission to protect the public

Your role

To support informed participation, nominees are encouraged to review the following materials prior to submitting nominations:

- [Board of Governors Responsibilities](#)
- [ASCP Board of Certification Rules of Engagement and Expectations](#)
- [Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Impartiality Policy Acceptance Form](#)
- [Conflict of Interest: Guidance for ASCP Board of Certification Volunteers](#)
- [ASCP BOC Volunteer Code of Conduct](#)

What to submit

Please provide the following documents to Robin Lewis at robin.lewis@ascp.org by **September 3, 2026**.

- Candidate name and contact information
- CV or resume that indicates any relevant board/leadership experience
- Statement of interest or letter of support for the candidate
- A completed [Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Impartiality Policy Acceptance Form](#)

Selection process (what happens next)

- All nominations are reviewed for eligibility and conflicts of interest by the ASCP BOC Executive Director
- Eligible candidates are then evaluated and reviewed by the ASCP BOC Nominating Committee who makes a final recommendation and/or narrows the number of nominees to two individuals
- Final selection is made by a **majority vote of the Board of Governors** at the BOG Fall Meeting in November 2026

Notification

Candidates will be notified of the election results no later than December 18, 2026.