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## RE: Nominations for National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group

The National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group is seeking nominees to replace planning group members whose term will end at the 2025 National Conference. Please see the attached list of open topic areas. We are seeking nominations of planning group member candidates to begin with planning of the 2026 National Conference in Denver, Colorado with the appointment commencing in summer 2025. Members serve up to three 2-year terms. Open topics currently include **Allergy and Immunology, Clinical Information Technology, Community Pediatrics, Dermatology, Diagnostic Skills, Epidemiology, Genetics & Epigenetics, Global Health, Immigrant Health, Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine, Radiology & Imaging and Workforce.**

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The National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group requires a time commitment. Members must:

- **Represent 2-5 pediatric content areas** and work with their respective constituents (sections, councils, committees, and others) to assist in the selection of program proposals and selection of highly qualified faculty.
- **Serve as a contact with faculty** to ensure that clinical content is high-quality, appropriate, and meets accreditation standards.
- **Attend an annual in-person planning meeting** as well as other virtual meetings as needed.
- **Attend all days (Friday – Tuesday) of the National Conference** to assist with the implementation of the education program. While we encourage nominees that are active AAP members, please note, this commitment requires the nominee's full attention at the National Conference, which will be a priority for nominee selection.

Additional information about planning group member responsibilities can be found in the attached guidelines. Please be aware that each member must represent multiple topics. Nominees should complete the and return to [ncesubmissions@aap.org](mailto:ncesubmissions@aap.org) by Friday, April 4 by 11:59 PM CDT along with a CV or biosketch. Letters of recommendation are not required but will be considered if submitted by the deadline.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact Katie Freeman, Director, National Conference Education Activities, at [kfreeman@aap.org](mailto:kfreeman@aap.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Chair, National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION  
PLANNING GROUP GUIDELINES**

**BASIC FUNCTIONS**

**National Conference Planning Group Member**

Participate in the selection, design, development, oversight, and evaluation of the educational content and faculty for the AAP National Conference & Exhibition within the established goals and objectives of the Academy.

**National Conference Planning Group Executive Committee Member**

Lead the strategic direction of the process for the selection, design, development, oversight, and evaluation of the educational content and faculty for the AAP National Conference & Exhibition within the established goals and objectives of the Academy.

**National Conference Planning Group Chair**

Provide leadership and oversight of the functioning of the National Conference Planning Group and the National Conference Planning Group Executive Committee. Make recommendations on new processes, changes to planning group composition and selection of planning group nominees.

**TERM LIMITS**

National Conference Planning Group/RN term limits follow the same term limits as national AAP committees, whereby members may serve *up to three (3)* renewable two-year terms.

National Conference Planning Group Executive Committee member terms align with the members' terms of service on the National Conference Planning Group.

National Conference Planning Group Chair term limits follow the same term limits as national AAP committee chairpersons, whereby the chair serves up to two (2) renewable two-year terms.

**NOMINATION AND SELECTION**

**Nominations**

National Conference Planning Group members are self-nominated or nominated by internal AAP constituents such as sections/councils/committees.

**Selection**

All nominees are reviewed and evaluated using a methodology based upon the selection process for National Committee members, with factors such as expertise in the topic areas, prior CME experience, AAP involvement and commitment, and diversity being considered and scored. Following review by the National Conference & Exhibition Executive Committee, the nominees are selected from recommendations made by the Chair and the Senior Vice President, Education. Nominees are approved by the AAP Committee on Continuing Medical Education

(COCME) and ratified by the AAP Executive Committee. Selections are made in accordance with the *AAP CME Planning Group Guidelines*.

National Conference Planning Group Executive Committee members are selected from the members of the National Conference Planning Group that are interested in participating in the strategic direction of the meeting, have been active contributors to the planning group, and represent diversity and the various subspecialty topics addressed at the National Conference. Selections are made by the Chair, National Conference Planning Group and the Senior Vice President, Education and approved by the AAP Committee on Continuing Medical Education.

## **COMPOSITION:**

### **National Conference & Exhibition Planning Group (NCEPG)**

Up to Twenty-three (23) core members selected according to the AAP By-Laws regarding workgroup appointments. This includes representation from the Surgical Section(s) and Medical Specialties.

- Chair of the NCE Planning Group.
- One (1) ex-officio member representing:
  - COCME Chair

All individuals are appointed to the NCEPG function as full members.

### **National Conference Planning Group Executive Committee**

Up to Eight (8) members, including the following composition:

- Chair of the NCE Planning Group
- COCME Chair
- Up to Six (6) members

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **National Conference Planning Group**

1. Attend planning meetings (in-person and virtual) to review and select sessions the conference, including the review and selection of program proposals.
2. Represent assigned pediatric content areas in the planning, development and delivery of the National Conference & Exhibition.
3. Work with AAP sections, councils, committees, and others to develop program proposals that meet the educational needs of pediatric generalists and/or subspecialists.
4. Develop additional proposals as needed to fill programmatic gaps and to ensure that emerging

issues are addressed appropriately through the conference content.

5. Work with AAP sections, councils, committees, and others to identify and become familiar with potential faculty for assigned topic areas to make informed decisions about the qualifications of proposed faculty or to suggest alternative faculty.
6. Select potential faculty and communicate with them on a timely basis about the desired content and direction of each session and provide confirmation information to National Conference staff by established deadlines.
7. Review faculty handout materials prior to the National Conference and communicate issues and follow-up with faculty, as needed.
8. Attend the entire National Conference to monitor/evaluate assigned sessions and participate in planning group meetings each morning.
9. Participate in periodic conference calls, as appropriate.
10. Provide feedback to National Conference faculty to improve conference sessions and help faculty in their development as teachers.
11. Apply adult education principles in fulfilling the conference's educational design, development and delivery process.

### **National Conference Planning Group Executive Committee**

In addition to all tasks above:

1. Attend Executive Committee meetings (as needed) to review the strategy for the conference.
2. Make strategic recommendations to enhance the National Conference to the National Conference Planning Group, AAP Board of Directors and/or Staff.
3. Review and select plenary sessions for the National Conference.