



SAMPLE QUESTIONS ABOUT RUNNING FOR THE TAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. What are the requirements to be on the board of directors? How long are the terms?

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

1. **Number.** The elective officers of the Association shall be a President, President-Elect, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Immediate Past President and Secretary/Treasurer.

2. **Election and Term of Office.** The elective officers of the non-profit Association, except the President and Immediate Past President, shall be elected annually by the members, immediately before the election of the Directors. The President-Elect shall become the President of the Association the year following his election as President-Elect. The President shall become the Immediate Past President of the Association the year following his term as President. No elected officer shall service more than two consecutive terms in the same office except the **Secretary/Treasurer** which shall have no term limits. Officers of the Association shall be elected for terms of One (1) year and by such election shall be elected members of the Board of Directors for the same term. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. No elected officer shall serve more than Two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. **6/10/00**

(a) **Eligibility.** Nominees for the Offices of President, President-Elect or 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President must have been a Texas Licensed Auctioneer for Two (2) years and must have completed a minimum of Two (2) years as Director of the TAA. Nominees for the office of Secretary/Treasurer must have been a Texas Licensed Auctioneer for Two (2) years and must have completed a minimum of Two (2) years as a Director of the TAA or previously served in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer for the TAA. Nominees for Director must have been a Texas Licensed Auctioneer for Two (2) years and attended Two (2) consecutive TAA Conventions prior to year of nomination. Eligibility of all nominees will be verified by the Executive Director. **Revised 6/17/06/ 6/16/12**

2. How many openings will there be this year (2013)

4 three years terms

3. How do you go about getting your name on the ballot if you wanted to?

Complete the attached TAA Election Form; or you can run from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

4. What are the duties of a director?

Refer to the TAA Bylaws; Articles of Incorporation and Code of Ethics. This will help you understand the association and the responsibilities of its leadership.

A. Sample Board of Director Functions:

- (1) The board focuses on issues pertaining to the overall mission of TAA.
- (2) The board develops and approves policy -- TAA policies are the principles that define the ways TAA prefers to work.
- (3) The board approves and updates strategic plans.
- (4) The board exercises a fiduciary responsibility by ensuring that TAA's finances are properly managed and by approving responsible budgets.
- (5) The board oversees and evaluates TAA programs to assure that objectives are being achieved.
- (6) The board assures that basic legal and ethical responsibilities are being met.
- (7) The board retains (and discharges) professional management, legal counsel and all other consultants.
- (8) The day-to-day management of the association is delegated by the board to an executive director.
- (9) Board meetings are open to all active members to attend except as otherwise announced.

B. The president assigns directors committee functions and those functions are carried out under the leadership of a specific officer. See attached organizational chart. Action sheets are available for each committee.

5. What type of time, travel, and financial commitments are involved in being on the board?

Refer to the 2012-2013 Meeting Schedule.

Board members pay their travel, meals, and hotel expenses to all meetings they attend; detailed as follows:

A. Board Meeting – Board member are expected to attend all scheduled board meeting at their own expense. In some cases TAA provides the lunch if it is an all-day meeting. Meetings usually begin at 10:00am or 12N and end around 5:00pm. The president tries to accommodate board travel, so that an overnight stay is not required.

B. CE Seminars – Board members are asked to attend the seminar being held in their location; and are provided complimentary registration fee i.e. free CE credits. *Attending the seminars is a great way to network with auctioneers in your area. (Note* Board members are so busy during the annual convention that it is extremely hard for them to attend the sessions to obtain their CE.)*

C. Convention – Depending on your committee assignment, you will be asked to help out in several areas during the convention. You pay the convention registration fee; pay for any other optional events you wish to attend; and your travel and hotel accommodations.

D. Texas Scottish Rite Children’s Auction and Luncheon (TSRCH) - TSRCH is TAA’s Benevolent Organization. Each December the reigning TAA Champion Auctioneer and Ring Person conducts a toy auction for the children that are in undergoing treatment that day. The hospital also provides lunch for the TAA members in attendance that day. It is a wonderful event and new board members are encouraged to attend.

E. Other Industry Meetings

Optional at the board members choice.