



American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders

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Call for Nominations

We are seeking nominations for Board Members of the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders. This Board consists of 12 members who are current AB-SSD affiliates and 1 consumer member. At present, we have one position open for a term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 2017. We request that you submit names of individuals who you recommend.

Nominations may be self-initiated or initiated by another affiliate who has confirmed that the nominee is willing to serve.

American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders is:

- To administer an efficient certification program for specialists in the clinical practice and research in swallowing and swallowing disorders,
- To provide the opportunity for practitioners to specify the nature of the clinical practice they provide,
- To provide advanced-level educational opportunities for practitioners,
- To maintain a mechanism by which the public can identify those practitioners with specialized clinical education and experience, and
- To increase awareness of validated assessment and treatment procedures, and promote educated choices for provision of services, and

Qualifications: Nominees must hold current status as a Board Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders.

Term: The term is three (3) years and for no more than two (2) consecutive terms (i.e. six (6) years). A Board member may be eligible for re-election after the first 6-year terms following a 3-year hiatus.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities include attendance at the annual meeting usually scheduled on the pre-conference day for the annual meeting of the ASHA convention, one-hour monthly teleconference, and committee participation.

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Nomination forms: Nomination forms will be posted on the specialty certification website (www.swallowingdisorders.org) and must be returned by e-mail to the AB-SSD website by the deadline posted, which is 30 days after this announcement: June 13, 2014. A copy of the nomination form is provided [here](#).

Election Process: The nominations committee will select up to **two (2)** nominees per available position and present the slate to the Board. After approval by the Board, all current AB-SSD affiliates will vote by e-mail ballot. The chair of the executive committee will notify all applicants of the results of the election, and then announce the results to all affiliates by email and a posting on the website.

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