

Overall Responsibilities of NAPSA Board Members

The Bylaws of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) set forth the following overall responsibility of the organization's Board of Directors:

Article IV, Section 1. Powers.

There shall be a Board of Directors of NAPSA, which shall manage, supervise and control the business, property and affairs of NAPSA in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation of NAPSA and these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the powers possessed by NAPSA itself, including the powers to determine the policies of NAPSA and prosecute its purposes, to appoint and remunerate agents and employees (including the power to delegate some or all of this authority), to establish the membership and other fees of NAPSA, to establish the budget of NAPSA, to disburse the funds of NAPSA, and to adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable.

In order to carry out these responsibilities, a member of the NAPSA Board of Directors shall work to carry out the mission of NAPSA, which, as stated in Article II of the Bylaws, is:

...to strengthen Adult Protective Services (APS) programs in order to improve the safety and independence of older persons and adults with disabilities who are victims of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation.

To that end, each Board member has a responsibility to manage, supervise, and control the business of NAPSA by:

- Participating in board meetings and responding to board communications
- Reviewing board material
- Casting votes as needed and providing feedback as requested
- Providing support, guidance, and supervision to the executive
- Providing support, guidance, and supervision to the executive director
- Ensuring effective planning
- Monitoring and strengthening programs and services
- Ensuring the legal and ethical integrity of the organization

Board members shall also financially support NAPSA by:

- Maintaining a current membership
- Contributing monetarily on an annual basis
- Working to ensure that NAPSA has adequate resources, and
- Protecting NAPSA's assets and providing proper financial oversight

Board members shall also enhance NAPSA's public standing by completing and signing a conflict of interest and confidentiality agreement annually.

Note: If a Board member is unable to comply with the responsibilities above, he/she shall advise the NAPSA President.

Overall Responsibilities of the NAPSA President-Elect

President-Elect: In the absence of the President or in the event of his or her inability to act, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President, and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The President-Elect shall serve as the Regional Representatives Board of Directors' liaison and shall convene and chair any meetings of the Regional Representatives. The President-Elect shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the President may from time to time prescribe, subject to the powers and the supervision of the Board of Directors.