

Dear Colleagues-

The new MN-ACP Bylaws were approved by the membership in January and include provisions for an election of four new Council members. The election for the four at-large Minnesota ACP Council positions will be held April 6-April 20, 2015. The positions for this election will be one one-year term, two two-year terms, and one three-year term. (Subsequent elections for the four at-large positions will all be for three year terms.) The responsibilities of a Council member are to support the Mission and Vision of the MN ACP, to attend the fall and spring Council meetings, and to engage in committees and work of the Council as appropriate.

Self nominations for the open MN-ACP Council positions are accepted. We will support the ACP Diversity Policy below in bringing forth candidates for the all member election.

The American College of Physicians' membership comprises a diverse population of internists, subspecialists of internal medicine, and medical students. ACP values diversity and views it as one of its greatest strengths. The College welcomes prospective members regardless of race; ethnicity; gender; religion; age; sexual orientation; nationality; disability; appearance; geographic location; and professional activity, such as private practice, research, or academic medicine.

ACP strives to encourage internists and subspecialists of internal medicine from diverse groups to join the College, participate in chapter activities, and seek to attain positions of leadership. ACP believes that a commitment to diversity strengthens the organization's capacity to respond to the needs of its members and their patients, i.e., to recognize that diversity is an important aspect of infrastructure that enhances relevance and effectiveness.

If you are interested in running in the election for a MN ACP Council position, please submit your CV to the Nominations Committee at Minnestoa.ACP@gmail.com along with the completed short biographical form and statements at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MN-ACPNominations> by **March 1, 2015**. Please include your preference for term length, although we cannot guarantee the actual length of the term until after the candidates are elected. The Nominations Committee will review submissions and will announce the slate of candidates by March 16, 2015. The short biographical form and statement of the candidates will be posted online for members' review. The election results will be announced by April 24, 2015.

We encourage Minnesota internists throughout the state and with a variety of areas of expertise to consider expanding their professional lives and further improving medicine in Minnesota by this opportunity.

Regards,

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