Volunteers are the fuel that power the Academy. With every new volunteer, AAPM&R becomes more energized, more diverse and inclusive, and better equipped to reach our common goals. Join the growing roster of Team Physiatry members contributing their time and expertise to support the mission, vision, and core values of the Academy.

The Academy’s Board of Governors sets the direction of the Academy. Our Bylaws determine the composition of the Board of Governors. Member-at-Large is an important role. Learn more about the Member-at-Large position below.

**Board Member Responsibilities:**

- Establish the vision, mission, and goals for the organization through a long-range strategic planning process.
- Allocate resources to support defined AAPM&R priorities.
- Assess the success of AAPM&R programmatically and financially.
- Assess and provide oversight for all programmatic and policy aspects of the Academy.
- Provide input and counsel to the Executive Director in the implementation of programs and activities.
- Be an ambassador of AAPM&R, promoting the organizations image and recruiting future volunteers.
- Create and adopt the strategic plan and use it to measure the merits of proposed programs, activities, or services.
- Approve policies giving direction to Academy activities.
- Approve new programs or services. Review the efficacy of existing programs and services on a regular basis.
- Adopt operating and capital budgets, monitor financial results, and approve any variations in budgets.
- Evaluate the performance of the Executive Director at least annually.
- Approve the appointment(s) of independent auditors
- Serve as liaison with Academy committees, task forces, etc., as assigned by the President.
- Serve as liaison to outside organizations, entities, etc., as assigned by the President.
- Attend all meetings of the general membership, Board of Governors, and its Executive Committee.
- Represent the interests of the entire membership.
**Time Commitment (Traditionally):**

- Three Board meetings per year (one to three days in length).
- Two to five Board of Governors conference calls; other calls as assigned.
- Liaison responsibilities.

**Term:**

- Two-year term. Eligible for re-election for one additional two-year term.