



ABP Corporate Policy

Public Members

PURPOSE

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) places a high priority on fostering meaningful connections with diverse stakeholders, including public members, as part of its work. Engagement of public members occurs through appointment to ABP and ABP Foundation committees and boards as well as participation in other efforts. The need for public member stakeholders may vary over time, based on issues the ABP is facing or will face in the future, new programs the ABP is initiating, or current issues in pediatrics or in medicine.

ABP Public Members:

- Represent the public interest,
- Contribute a unique perspective, different from pediatricians' perspectives, to the strategic direction and activities of the ABP, and
- Add public accountability and responsiveness to ABP activities.

Public Members may be:

- The direct consumers of pediatricians' skills or services (e.g., young adult patient, caregiver), and/or
- Those who represent the general interests of the public at large (e.g., background in fields such as public advocacy/policy offering a population-based perspective).

QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications guide the ABP in seeking possible appointees for positions with the ABP:

- Awareness of the health concerns of diverse demographic groups and the ability to represent the broad perspectives of children and families.
- Ability to rapidly comprehend big picture issues and simultaneously focus on details where needed.
- Strong communication skills as well as organizational skills, curiosity, self-reflection, and ability to work with a variety of stakeholders.
- Familiarity with the mission, vision, and values of the ABP.
- Willingness to invest time in the work of their respective committee and/or board.

SERVICE

Public Members are elected for an initial term of three years on ABP committees/boards, which may be renewed once if approved by the ABP Board of Directors. Public Members are voting members of their committee/board. While the demands of participation vary, the time commitment of Public Members can be considerable.

Public members receive an honorarium for their committee/board appointment. Expenses for participation in face-to-face meetings are the responsibility of the ABP.