

## **Member of the Board of Trustees – What it Involves**

### **Overview of Board of Trustees (BoT)**

The BoT consists of twelve members: the Executive Committee (President-Elect, President, immediate past President, Secretary, and Treasurer), the chair of the Editorial Council and six members elected directly by the membership of the society. These elected members serve for three years so that the term of two members expires every year. Elections of two new BoT members (from four candidates) take place every fall, and membership becomes effective a month after the end of the International Meeting of the Psychometric Society (IMPS) of the following year. Members elected directly by the membership cannot serve for two consecutive terms.

According to the Bylaws (Article II. Section 7), the BoT “is responsible for the management and conduct of the affairs of the corporation.”

### **Meetings of the BoT**

The BoT meets each year on the day before IMPS (short-course day), typically for 2-3 hours. Every member should make every effort to attend these meetings and is also encouraged to attend the BoT meeting at IMPS during the year of election (before formally becoming a member). In addition, it has become tradition to hold a 1-day mid-year meeting at a convenient location (e.g., Miami when all members were from Europe and the U.S.). Some travel reimbursement (transport and up to two nights in a hotel) can be offered for attending IMPS to members of the BoT who do not have funding via their institutions or grants. Travel to the mid-year meeting will be fully reimbursed.

There are also typically 2-4 conference calls of the BoT. In addition, members of the BoT will occasionally be asked, via email, to vote or comment on proposals by the Executive Committee.

### **Duties and responsibilities of BoT members**

In addition to attending the meetings, important duties of BoT members include nominating and ranking individuals for awards and to run for the BoT, and occasionally to provide suggestions or feedback by email on issues concerning the society.

Generally, each of the members elected directly by the membership will serve as chair or co-chair of one of the committees of the society (such as Awards, Bylaws, Election Procedures, Publications, Membership, Communications, Graduate Student, and Finance Committees).