

Policy Name:	ASPS Ethics Committee Position Description
Background / Purpose:	This document describes the duties and responsibilities of members of the Ethics Committee. The vacancy chart is periodically updated to reflect the next vacancy.
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Basic Function According to Bylaws:

Composition: The Ethics Committee shall consist of seven (7) Active Members, one (1) of whom shall be elected Chair by a vote of the members of the Committee. The Ethics Committee composition may be expanded to include one representative from each related plastic surgery organization whose members have chosen to be governed by the ASPS Code of Ethics and who so request. All Ethics Committee members must be Active Members of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Election Term: The members of the Committee shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.

Nomination: Candidates for election to the Ethics Committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee in a manner insuring representation from each of the seven (7) geographical districts of the United States and Canada as designated by the Society. Related plastic surgery organizations requesting representation shall each provide to the ASPS Nominating Committee the names of up to three (3) nominees, one (1) of whom shall be selected by the Nominating Committee to be placed on the ballot to be elected by the members. All individuals nominated by the Nominating Committee must have given their prior consent.

Duties: The Ethics Committee shall investigate complaints alleging violations of the Society's Bylaws, Code of Ethics, rules, regulations, or any other conduct detrimental to the reputation or best interests of the Society. In the event that the Committee determines that a violation may have occurred, it shall present such evidence at hearings of the Judicial Council and, in the event of appeal, before the Trustees. Said investigations and presentations of evidence shall be governed by rules established by the Society.

Ethics Committee Vacancies by Geographic District

Two or three Ethics Committee positions are filled each year and are dependent on geographic location. Active Society members must be located in the geographic region of the vacancy to be considered by the Nominating Committee. The chart below identifies the vacancies for the upcoming leadership terms through 2033. 4

Ethics District	Next Vacancy	Next Vacancy after that	Next Vacancy after that	Next Vacancy after that
1 - Canada	2024	2027	2030	2033
2 - California	2024	2027	2030	2033
3 - Midwest	2025	2028	2031	2034
4 - Southeast	2023	2026	2029	2032
5 - Rocky Mountain	2025	2028	2031	2034
6 - South Central	2023	2026	2029	2032
7 - Northeast	2023	2026	2029	2032

Geographic Districts

The districts are as follows for representation on the Ethics Committee:

- District #1 - Canada
- District #2 - California
- District #3 - Midwest = North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia
- District #4 - Southeast = Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina
- District #5 - Rocky Mountain/Northwest = Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico
- District #6 - South Central = Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri
- District #7 - Northeast = Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Maryland