



The Association for Preservation Technology International
L'Association internationale pour la préservation et ses techniques

WHY JOIN THE APT BOARD?

“The APT board is an incubator of some of the best preservation talent in the world. It was a privilege to serve with the bright minds guiding the next steps of the organization.”

“My board service 20 years ago has provided benefits over the course of my career.”

Service on the APT Board of Directors provides opportunities to network with the leaders in the profession and develop lifelong professional and personal relationships. Board service provides a unique opportunity to engage and build relationships with the highest level of professionals in the field internationally.

APT Board members meet at least quarterly, lead committees, execute the Strategic Plan, and act as ambassadors for APT to serve our mission to promote the best technology to preserve historic structures and their settings.

APT seeks a diversity of backgrounds and life experiences within the Board to enhance its ability to fulfill its mission.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The APT Board of Directors is composed of volunteers who serve as trustees, acting on behalf of the APT membership. As a group, APT Directors are responsible for the fulfillment of the organization's mission by developing and evaluating a strategic plan, overseeing execution of the plan, and providing oversight of the organization's activities. Directors shall commit to following the APT Code of Ethics prior to service and perform annual [self-evaluation](#) if elected.

APT Directors have the following responsibilities:

- Fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of APT
- Service as ambassadors for APT and our mission
- Engagement of APT members in the work of the organization
- Assistance with fundraising activities (see “Board Giving” below)
- Chairing or co-chairing standing or strategic committees

The Board of Directors benefits from the following qualities, and seeks candidates who have one or more of the following:

- Enthusiasm and commitment to APT's mission
- Reliability
- Good communication skills
- Professionalism
- Collaboration skills
- Comfort with sharing diverging opinions and new ideas
- Commitment to evolution and growth for APT
- Enhancing the perspective (e.g., experience, industry, background, expertise) of the board
- Visionary leadership
- Business acumen (e.g., accounting, finance, budgeting, fundraising)

OPEN POSITIONS

The APT Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for openings on the APT Board of Directors and officer positions. The board has a maximum of 16 members elected to two-year terms.

Positions open for election this year include the following:

- One Officer Position: Treasurer
- Up to five (5) Directors

OFFICERS

Directors elected to serve as Officers (President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary) must have served at least one year as an elected board member during the past 5 years. Officers serve on the Executive Committee, which meets monthly. The Executive Committee provides leadership and coordination for the work of the board between regular board meetings. Terms for Officers are two years.

TREASURER

In general, the Treasurer shall perform the duties incident to the office of Treasurer, including the accuracy and probity of all financial statements and procedures. With the approval of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer may delegate any of these responsibilities to the Executive Director of the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded. The treasurer chairs and is supported by the Finance Committee.

DIRECTORS

An APT Director must be a current member of APT at the time of nomination and appointment. APT Directors are elected for a two-year term and may stand for re-election for a second term. The board meets four times a year: in-person twice a year (once at the Annual Conference and again in the spring, typically in the location of the conference one year out); and twice by web conference.

A Board member may miss no more than 50% of the board meetings per calendar year. In the event of missing more than 50% of board meetings, the member may be asked to step down from the Board. Board members are expected to serve as a chair or co-chair of a committee and report back to the Board on their progress regularly. If appropriate, a new board member may continue as chair or co-chair of a committee if they are already involved as such. (Although not all committees have representation on the board in the form of a voting member, all committee co-chairs are invited to board meetings and are encouraged to participate in discussions.)

APT Officers and Directors travel at their own expense and pay for their own accommodations (usually at a group rate) and meals outside of board events. (APT has limited financial support available for Board Members based outside of North America traveling to Board Meetings; evaluated upon request on a case-by-case basis.) The rewards, however, are substantial. APT Directors make a significant contribution to the only international organization committed solely to preservation technology. In addition, many of the friendships formed through board and committee work last a lifetime.

BOARD DIVERSITY

In creating an inclusive and diverse Board of Directors, we welcome, value, and thrive on perspectives and contributions from different backgrounds, life experiences, experience levels, and professional expertise. We invite and encourage applications from all qualified individuals who may contribute to the further diversification of our board and organization.

The following groups tend to be underrepresented within the Board: people from outside the USA in particular North America, people from the western and southern USA, the members of visible minorities, indigenous people, material conservators, trades and contractors, as well as practitioners in the early and later stages of their careers.

BOARD GIVING

To set an example for other APT leaders and members, the Board participates in giving to the organization to support its programs and initiatives. Giving can include finding new members, sponsors, funders, or donors; participating in grant applications; personal financial contributions; and other items. The minimum value of giving, regardless of its form, is \$500. Many grant funders consider board participation in giving as a critical factor in evaluating grant applications.

APT's Board of Directors has a goal of 100% Board participation.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Each nomination should include contact information, a biography (not to exceed 150 words), and a brief statement of interest from the nominee (not to exceed 100 words), articulating skills and experience related to the required attributes of the position described above. The nomination must be submitted as a Word document file or PDF file to the email listed below. Members may self-nominate.

Nominations must be supported by six (6) APT International members in good standing in accordance with APT's Bylaws. Only up to eight (8) letters of support will be taken into account. The support may be in the form of emails directed to APT Administration at: administration@apti.org

The slate of successful nominees will be sent to the general membership for online voting beginning August 19, 2026, and ending October 18, 2026. Successful nominees will be announced at the Annual General Meeting to be held in person on October 29, 2026, during the Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

This year's Nominating Committee is chaired by Lena Buchinger, Immediate Past President, and includes APT Board members Melbourne Garber and Andreea Hamilton, and APT members-at-large Stephen Kelley and Christina Varvi.

Nominations should be sent to: APT Administration, Email: administration@apti.org

Questions? E-mail Greg Galer, Executive Director at: greg@apti.org

Nomination Deadline: July 15, 2026, at 11:59 PM EDT.