



The Association of Physicians of India

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Elections of Office Bearers of the Governing Body for 2027–2028

Members are hereby informed that the following persons will retire in January 2027:

President

Dr. G. Narsimulu, Hyderabad

Vice-President

Dr. M. P. S. Chawla, New Delhi

Dr. Sekhar Chakraborty, Siliguri

One Hon. General Secretary

Dr. Puneet Saxena, Jaipur

Six Governing Body Members

Dr. Nihar Mehta, Mumbai

Dr. Aditya Prakash Misra, New Delhi

Dr. Nandini Chatterjee, Kolkata Dr.

Gautam Bhandari, Jodhpur Dr. A. K.

Gupta, Agra

Dr. L. Srinivasa Murthy, Bengaluru

Dr. G. Narsimulu will remain in the Governing Body as Past President for one year.

Therefore, election for the following office bearers, elected members of the Governing Body for 2027–2029 will be held, and nominations are hereby invited for them.

POSTS TO BE CONTESTED

- One President-Elect
- One Vice President and one Vice President for one year
- One Hon. General Secretary
- Six Elected Members
- One Zonal Member (Hilly Zone: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand & Jammu & Kashmir) – for 2 years only (2028–2029)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- President Elect:** To contest for the post of President Elect, the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 12 years and have completed at least 3 full terms of 3 years each in any elected position in the Governing Body.
- Vice President:** To contest for the post of Vice President, the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 9 years and should have completed at least two full terms of 3 years in any elected position in the Governing Body.
- Hon. General Secretary:** To contest for the post of Hon. General Secretary, the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 6 years and should have completed at least one continuous full term of 3 years in any elected position in the Governing Body.
- Member Governing Body and Zonal Members:** To contest for all other elected positions of the Governing Body, continuous membership of the Association for at least 3 years is mandatory.

NOMINATION FEE

For every post on the Governing Body to be contested, the nomination form must be accompanied by a Demand Draft of Rs. 7,500/- + 18% GST = Total Rs. 8,850/- (Rupees Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty only) in favour of "The Association of Physicians of India".

Demand Drafts should be payable at Mumbai only. Any nomination not accompanied by Rs. 8,850/- will be invalidated. No cheque, cash, or net banking mode will be accepted. Nomination Forms can be downloaded from the website www.apiindia.org.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Nominations are to be made on the prescribed form (to be

downloaded from website APIINDIA.ORG), stating the office for which nominations are filed. Separate nominations must be submitted for each post. The nomination shall be proposed by one valid life member and seconded by another valid life member.

- A declaration must be signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for election, serve on the Governing Body if elected, and abide by the rules & regulations of the society.
- A member may initially apply for multiple posts; however, they cannot simultaneously contest for more than one position across the API, ICP, and PRF (e.g., President-Elect, Vice President, Hon. General Secretary, Elected Member, or Zonal Member of the Governing Body). If a member submits applications for multiple posts, they must withdraw the additional applications prior to the official withdrawal deadline to ensure they are contesting for one single post.
- The nomination form, complete in all respects along with a passport-size photograph and bio-data not exceeding 200 words, should reach the API Office not later than 31st May 2026. Bio-data, however, can be sent online.
- The nomination fee is NON-REFUNDABLE and must be sent as DD along with the nomination form. No cheque/cash/NEFT/UPI will be accepted. The nomination form without the DD and required documents will be invalidated.
- Ballot papers will be posted to all the life members by 15th July 2026 by Speed Post as per the voter list on the website.
- If any member does not receive the ballot by 1st August 2026, he/she can apply for a duplicate ballot paper. For issue of duplicate ballot paper, the member shall make a written request to the CEO (Chief Election Officer) by post on his/her letterhead with membership details.
- A member can cast only one ballot, i.e., original or duplicate. If he/she sends both ballots, both will be invalidated.
- The ballot paper must be posted from the member's place preferably.
- The marked ballot paper should be folded in one quarter, placed in Envelope B, and finally put into Envelope A. Envelope A is pre-stamped and addressed to API HQ and should be sent by ordinary post. No additional postage stamp is required.
- Canvassing in any form and collection of ballot papers by contesting candidates and/or others is strictly not allowed. If any candidate is found indulging in the same, he/she shall be disqualified from the election and debarred from contesting elections for the next three consecutive years.
- Collection of empty ballots is prohibited. Disciplinary action will be taken, and the member will be debarred from contesting further elections for three consecutive years.
- The ballot paper must not be shared, and if found, strict action will be taken.
- During the sealing of ballot boxes and counting procedure, the presence of the candidate or candidate's representative is required. If not present, the procedures of ballot box sealing/unsealing and counting shall continue in the presence of all Election Committee members. The candidate's representative must be a bonafide API member and should carry the NOC attested by the candidate.
- Candidates are required to send a short bio-data and a photograph along with the nomination paper to be published online at the API website and made available for viewing by the members. The results will be declared at the end of counting of votes and announced in the subsequent issue of JAPI. The report will be placed before the Governing Body for intimation.

Sr. No.	Event	Date / Timeline	Details / Remarks
a	Invitation of Nomination	By 30 April 2026	-
b	Last Date for Sending Nomination	1 st June 2026	-
c	Scrutiny of Nominations (Election Committee Meeting)	1 st June 2026	-
d	Declaration of Scrutiny Results & Unopposed Candidates	2 nd June 2026	-
e	Withdrawal of Nomination	10 June 2026 (5:00 PM)	-
f	Posting of Ballots	15 July 2026	Ballots sent to bonafide API Members for Governing Body & PRF. ICP ballots (Dean/Vice Dean/Faculty Council) sent only to bonafide ICP Members
g	Sealing of Ballot Box	15 July 2026 (5:30 PM)	-
h	Issue of Duplicate Ballots	1 August - 7 August 2026	Members not receiving ballots by 1 August may apply
i	Last Date for Receiving Marked Ballots	31 August 2026 (5:00 PM)	Late ballots will not be counted
j	Sealing of Aperture of Ballot Box	31 August 2026 (5:30 PM)	-
k	Counting of Ballots	6 September 2026 (9:00 AM onwards)	Venue: API Head Office, Mumbai
m	Declaration of Results	6 September 2026 (4:00 PM)	-
n	Communication of Results	7 September 2026	Via email / social media (e.g., WhatsApp)

Important Note

* Nomination forms and bank details are available on www.apiindia.org

** For any query, kindly refer to the Constitution at www.apiindia.org

*** Presence of candidate or authorized representative is required during ballot box sealing/unsealing and counting. Representative must be a bonafide API member and carry NOC attested by the candidate. In absence, the process will proceed in the presence of Election Committee members

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Date: 30 April 2026
Place: Mumbai

Dr. Ashok K. Taneja
Chief Election Officer

Dr. Rakesh Bhadade
Jt. Secretary, API HQ