



**Board of Pharmacy Specialties  
2026-2028  
Board of Directors  
Call for Applications  
Informational Booklet**

*Application materials must be received by BPS no later than  
Monday, September 1, 2025 at 5:00pm EDT.*

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) is seeking applications for individuals, with a minimum of 10 years professional experience required for consideration, to serve on its Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 2026 through December 2028.

### **Application Deadline**

BPS must receive all the following items NO LATER THAN **Monday, September 1, 2025 at 5:00pm EDT**:

1. Completed [electronic application](#)
2. Candidate Statement of Interest (300 words or less) responding to the prompt:  
“Why are you interested in serving as a member of the BPS Board of Directors?”
3. Current resume or curriculum vitae

Prior to submitting the application, carefully review and consider the qualifications, position duties, responsibilities, and required time commitment outlined in the Call for Applications booklet, the BPS Conflict of Interest policy, and the Commitment to Serve document. The documents related to board member policy can be found on the [policy page](#) of the BPS website.

**Questions** — Contact Brian Lawson, PharmD, ICE-CCP, BPS Executive Director, at [blawson@aphanet.org](mailto:blawson@aphanet.org).

## **Open Positions for the 2026-2028 Term**

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties governing documents state the following:

*The Board of Pharmacy Specialties shall be composed of twelve (12) voting members who shall be appointed by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties. The membership shall be composed of:*

- *Three (3) public members, at least one (1) of whom shall meet the [current criteria](#) established by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) for public members. Other public members may be non-pharmacist health professionals;*
- *Nine (9) pharmacist members, who may or may not be Board-certified.*

*The Board-certified pharmacist members shall be in one of each of the five (5) specialties recognized by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, and in the event that there are greater than five (5) specialties, a rotation will be established to ensure a balance of specialty program input. The Board of Pharmacy Specialties shall seek nominations from the appropriate community of interest for each of the pharmacist slots on the Board. The Board members represent the best interests of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties and not an individual organization.*

*The Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties shall serve as a nonvoting member of the Board ex officio.*

*A member of the APhA Board of Trustees shall be appointed as a liaison to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties and shall serve as a nonvoting member of the Board ex officio.*

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) is currently seeking applicants for three positions on BPS Board of Directors.

### **Public Member (One position for 2026)**

- *Current Board Member, Marie E. Michnich, DrPH, is completing her second term and is not eligible for re-appointment.*

### **Pharmacist Members (Two positions for 2026)**

- *Current Pharmacist Member, Cyrine Haidar, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP, FASHP, is completing her second term and is not eligible for re-appointment.*
- *Current Pharmacist Member, Gary C. Yee, PharmD, FCCP, FAPhA, is completing his second term and is not eligible for re-appointment.*

## **Desired Characteristics for BPS Board Members**

Applicants for the BPS Board of Directors should demonstrate:

1. Sensitivity to the various publics that the BPS process serves (i.e., general public, pharmacists, health institutions and providers, pharmacy associations, and the profession in general),
2. For pharmacist or health professional applicants, capability of bringing both their particular expertise and broad perspectives of pharmacy to the specialty recognition and certification processes,
3. For public sector applicants, capability of bringing the broad perspectives of public interest to the specialty recognition and certification processes,
4. Support of specialty recognition and certification as a means of assuring and enhancing public health through the provision of high-quality pharmaceutical care,
5. Commitment to the mission, vision, and strategic goals of BPS.
6. Support of the existing criteria for specialty recognition and BPS Certification standards,
7. Support of the use of psychometrically sound and legally defensible certification processes by which candidates for specialty designation are certified, and the continued improvement of these processes, and
8. Voluntary commitment of the time necessary to serve as a member of BPS Board of Directors. The time commitment involves at a minimum two face-to-face meetings annually (2-3 days each), monthly 1-hour conference calls and additional committee service as may be required from time to time. Conference calls and/or written and e-mail correspondence are the principal means of communication between formal meetings.

## **Responsibilities/Duties**

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties shall have sole responsibility and authority for managing the entire specialty certification process including, but not limited to:

- Recognition of new specialties and maintaining established specialties;
- Approval of content outlines/examination specifications in accordance with psychometrically sound practices;
- Approval of candidate eligibility criteria;
- Oversight of examination passing score decisions reached by BPS Specialty Councils in accordance with commonly accepted psychometric standards and accreditation criteria for personnel certification programs;
- Approval of recertification processes;
- Oversight of the work of the BPS Specialty Councils, and direction of staff and consultants;
- Initial approval and updating of all policies and procedures for the operation of the certification program;
- Achieving initial and ongoing compliance with personnel certification accreditation standards;
- Approval of all fees and charges for certification services;
- Appointment of board and specialty council members; and
- Development of annual budget and fiscal oversight

## **BPS Policies**

In accordance with BPS Policies and Procedures, all volunteer contributors and leaders must sign and adhere to the BPS Conflict of Interest Policy, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement, commitment to serve statement, and antitrust policy. These documents can be found on the [policy page of the BPS website](#) and will be provided to board members for signature prior to the start of their term. Questions related to this policy should be directed to Brian Lawson, BPS Executive Director ([blawson@aphanet.org](mailto:blawson@aphanet.org)) and will be escalated to BPS Legal Counsel as needed.

## **Notification of Selection**

Applicants will be informed of the decision by the end of November 2025.

## **Additional information**

Once appointed as a BPS Board Member, terms will begin the following year (e.g., appointed in 2025 to serve in 2026). New Board members will be asked to attend a virtual BPS Board meeting as observers in December 2025 and participate in virtual orientation in early 2026.