

CERA Board Members (from CERA Bylaws)

The business of the association is governed by an Executive Board consisting of five officers, four at-large members, and, if one is appointed, a graduate student representative.

Executive Board

The Executive Board officers include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. All Executive Board members must be members of the association. Each member of the Executive Board has one vote. It is the policy of the association to actively seek gender, racial/ethnic, geographic, and professional diversity on the Executive Board.

At-large Executive Board Members and Treasurer

The At-large Executive Board members and the Treasurer are elected by ballot, from a list of one or more candidates, at the annual conference. To be eligible for election to the Executive Board, the candidate must be a member of the association.

The term of an at-large Executive Board member begins the day immediately following the annual conference at which he or she is elected, and lasts for four years, unless the member is subsequently elected as an officer as described below.

The term of the Treasurer begins the day immediately following the annual conference at which he or she is elected and lasts for three years. The Treasurer shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Each year, a Nominations and Elections Committee, composed of at least three members of the Executive Board, will be appointed by the President to oversee the election of Executive Board members. The committee will be responsible for soliciting self-nominations from the association members.

To be included on the ballot, all nominees must submit to the Nominations and Elections Committee at least 30 days prior to the annual conference a completed nomination form. The Nominations and Elections Committee will review all nominations and select candidates for the ballot, considering the diversity policy stated above, nominee qualifications, and the number of nominees. If there are insufficient nominees to fill all available seats on the Executive Board, then the Committee will identify additional nominees.

The Committee will present its selected candidates to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall approve all candidates to be included on the ballot. The Nominations and Elections Committee will be responsible for conducting the election, counting the votes, and verifying the results.

The election will take place on the first day of the annual conference. Association members in attendance will be provided ballots and voting instructions specified by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The candidate(s) receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected. In case of a tie, the Executive Board shall select the winner from the tied candidates by a majority vote or, in the case of a tie on the Board, by lot. Election results will be reported by the Nominations and Elections Committee to the Executive Board and to the association members in attendance during the second day of the annual conference.

Election and Succession of Executive Board Officers

Each year, prior to the annual conference, one of the Executive Board members will be elected by the Executive Board to serve as Secretary for one year beginning on the day immediately following the annual conference. In the case of a tie, the President shall select the winner from the tied candidates.

If none of the Executive Board members is able or willing to assume the responsibilities of Secretary, the Nominations and Elections Committee will solicit self-nominations from the association members for the office of Secretary, and develop a ballot and conduct an election as described above.

Beginning on the day immediately following the annual conference, Executive Board officers will assume new offices for one year as follows:

- The Immediate Past President shall retire from the Executive Board.
- The President shall become Immediate Past President.
- The Vice President shall become President.
- The Secretary shall become Vice President.

Appointment of a Graduate Student Representative to the Executive Board

The Executive Board may appoint a graduate student representative to the board. The term of office will be one year beginning on the day immediately following the annual conference. The graduate student representative may be reappointed in subsequent years, as long as the representative is still a graduate student, not to exceed a total of three years on the Executive Board.