Policy on Membership and Selection of NAAFE Board of Directors
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Payment of NAAFE dues entitles the payer to two years' membership beginning at one biennial Forum and continuing through the following Forum. Individuals may also join NAAFE for a single year period between Forums by completing a membership form and paying one year’s dues to the NAAFE Business Office.

Directors must be NAAFE members. They are elected by the NAAFE membership and serve four-year terms. To provide continuity, new Board members are elected in groups of two and three, every two years. At least 6 months prior to the election (or 9 months prior to the Forum) the NAAFE President will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three NAAFE members. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of potential officers by generating their own recommendations and seeking nominations from the general NAAFE Membership. A general solicitation for nominations may be sent by the Business Office to the NAAFE membership at the request of the nominating committee. The Nominating Committee will seek permission from the candidates to include their names on the ballot. The Nominating Committee will provide the complete, approved slate to the Business Office at least one month prior to the election date.

The slate must include at least two candidates for President elect, and an adequate number of candidates to fill either one or two Board Member positions. The nominating committee and Business Office, in designing the ballot, will ensure that, whatever the outcome, there will be at least one Board member each from Canada, Mexico, and the USA, a President, and a President-Elect, among the five Board Members.

The election will be carried out by the Business Office in an efficient manner which will ensure fairness and adequate privacy. The election must take place at least three months prior to the biennial NAAFE Forum. Elected officers are installed at the end of that Forum; their terms continue through the NAAFE Forum held 4 years after their election.