Governance

Policy Name	Volunteer Term Limits
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Purpose

AUGS is committed to maintaining a leadership that is intentionally diverse and inclusive. As such, AUGS upholds volunteer term limits which allow for greater membership involvement in leadership positions as well as new perspectives and opinions to be represented.

Policy Statement

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers - As set forth in the bylaws, Article VIII, the positions of Vice President, President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President shall serve a one-year term in each position in sequential order (Vice President > President-Elect > President > Immediate Past President).

The Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years. The individual serving as Treasurer may be re-elected to serve multiple consecutive terms. Officer qualifications are set forth in the bylaws.

All terms shall run January 1st – December 31st.

Directors-at-Large - As set forth in the bylaws, Article VII Directors-at-Large shall be divided into groups such that they serve staggered terms of three years. No Director-at-Large may serve more than one successive full term; however, a person who has previously served one successive full term as a Director-at-Large may again serve after a one-year absence from the Board. Director qualifications are set forth in the bylaws and position descriptions.

All terms shall run January 1st – December 31st.

COURSE FACULTY (i.e. Fellows Hands On, Beyond the White Coat)

(Excludes course faculty appointed based on committee role)

Course Directors and Co-Directors - All Course Directors and Co-Directors shall serve a term of three course cycles. Co-Directors shall ascend to the position of Course Director. A Course Director cannot serve more than one consecutive term, however, can reapply to serve as course faculty after a period of one-year. Course Directors and Co-Directors cannot serve concurrently (at the same time) on two different courses; however, they may serve concurrently as a committee member in a non-leadership position.

Course directors and co-directors may not serve on the CME Committee.

All terms shall correspond to the date of the course.

Faculty/Planning Committee Members - Faculty serve a one (1) year term and are eligible for reappointment for up to two additional consecutive terms (up to three consecutive meetings). After three consecutive years of participation, the faculty must rotate off for a period of one year before reapplying for the course. Faculty cannot serve concurrently (at the same time) on two different courses; however, they may serve on an AUGS committee (except for the CME Committee) while serving as course faculty. It is desired that at least one-third of course faculty have not served as faculty on the same course the year prior.

All terms shall correspond to the date of the course.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES (i.e. APP, AUGS Annual Meeting)

Program Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs - Unless otherwise noted as an exception below, program committee Chairs and Vice Chairs each serve a term of two meetings. Vice Chairs shall ascend to the position of Chair. Committee Chairs cannot serve consecutive terms on the same committee, nor can they serve concurrently on two different committees; however, they may serve concurrently as course faculty.

All terms shall correspond to the date of the program/course.

Exceptions: The Annual Meeting Committee Chair and Vice Chair each serve a one-meeting term. Their term runs November 1st – October 31st.

Program Committee Members - All program committee members serve a one (1) year term and are eligible for reappointment for up to two additional consecutive terms (up to three years of service). Program committee members cannot serve concurrently on two different committees; however, they may serve concurrently as course faculty, or with the journal or a writing group.

All terms shall correspond to the date of the course/program.

STANDING COMMITTEES (Membership, Governance, Social Media, CME, Education, etc.)

Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs - Unless otherwise serving in a term due to their respective position within the Board (i.e., Governance Committee), or noted as an exception below, committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall serve a two-year term.

Vice Chairs shall ascend to the position of Chair.

All terms shall run January 1st – December 31st.

Committee Members - All committee members serve a one (1) year term and are eligible for reappointment for up to two additional consecutive terms (up to three years of service).

Fellow representatives must rotate off at the end of the calendar year in which they graduate from fellowship. If they graduate prior to reaching their three year term limit, they may be considered to fill an open physician position. If so, their years of service will be counted cumulatively from the beginning of their fellow representative term.

On rare occasions, committee members may be invited to extend their term by one additional year to stagger roll off dates and prevent knowledge gaps created by the simultaneous departure of multiple members.

All terms shall run January 1st – December 31st.

Exception: Publications Committee members and Coding & Reimbursement Committee members may serve additional terms beyond the three one-year terms at the discretion of the committee Chairs and Governance Committee based on the unique training required for these positions.

QUESTION WRITING GROUPS

Question Writing Group Chairs and Vice Chairs – Question writing group Chairs and Vice Chairs (i.e., Question Writing Group/SAFE) shall serve a two-year term. Vice Chairs shall ascend to the position of Chair.

Question writing group Chairs cannot serve consecutive terms as Chair of the same writing group. Question writing group Chairs and Vice Chairs cannot serve concurrently on another AUGS committee unless an exception is given by the AUGS Governance Committee. However, they can serve concurrently as course faculty or on the journal and other writing groups.

All Committee Vice Chair and Chair terms shall run January 1st – December 31st.

Question Writing Group Members - All question writing group members serve a one (1) year term and are eligible for reappointment without limit. Writing group members may serve concurrently on an AUGS' committee, as course faculty or on the journal and other writing groups.

All terms shall run January 1st – December 31st.

PUBLICATIONS WRITING GROUPS

Publication Writing Group Chairs and Vice Chairs –The Publications Committee will appoint one writing group Chair (and one Vice Chair if needed).

Publication Writing Group Members - The Publications Committee, in collaboration with the appointed Chair, will appoint 5-8 additional writing group members depending on the needs of the document. Terms vary per clinical document type but for guidance documents they range anywhere from 1-2 years. Volunteers (writing group chair and writing group members) may only serve on one writing group at a time.