

2023 CAATE Commissioner Election Process FAQ

What is the composition of the CAATE Board of Commissioners for this year's nomination process?

In December 2020, the CAATE Board of Commissioners modified the bylaws of the organization related to the composition of the board. There is no longer a predetermined limit on the number of Board of Certification Inc. ("BOC") certified athletic trainers who may serve on the Commission at any one time, but, at all times, the board must contain a majority of BOC certified athletic trainers. In addition, there are no longer specific representatives from sponsoring organizations; rather, the board composition requires at least one public member, one physician member and one AT program administrative member, in addition to the majority of BOC certified athletic trainers.

The bylaws have always contained a provision that the exact number of board members shall be determined by the board from time to time, and a provision that the board shall set forth procedures for selecting board members in the CAATE Policy & Procedure Manual.

What is the process for electing CAATE Board of Commissioners?

The CAATE DEI & Leadership Development Committee, a volunteer committee made up entirely of BOC certified athletic trainers from CAATE stakeholder programs, will review all applications received and will conduct interviews in conjunction with the Finance & Governance Committee with selected candidates. Candidates will be assessed based on the current and future needs of the Commission. The joint committee will subsequently prepare a slate of candidates to be presented to the current CAATE Board of Commissioners, which will elect the new commissioner(s) at the CAATE Board of Commissioners meeting in August 2023.

What skills, abilities and experience does an applicant need to have?

The DEI & Leadership Development Committee is looking for applicants with high integrity, an inquiring mind, a willingness to ask hard questions and the ability to work well with others. Applicants must be free of any real or perceived conflicts of interest that would raise ethical concerns for the CAATE. Applicants should have the capacity and desire to represent the best interests of the CAATE stakeholders as a whole and have demonstrated commitment to supporting diversity, equity and inclusion. Applicants who are athletic trainers must also be in good standing with the Board of Certification Inc. (BOC) and regulatory bodies and have a current NPI number.

Additionally, the committee will give preference to individuals who have experience in the areas defined below, but applicants DO NOT need to have experience in all areas to apply.

- Executive/leadership experience
- Experience with internationally accredited academic programs
- Experience in a leadership role with a nonprofit organization or academic program representing underrepresented industries and/or organizations
- Experience supporting underrepresented persons/populations in either a professional or volunteer capacity
- Knowledge of and experience with accreditation standards

Volunteer opportunities with the CAATE

The CAATE is a volunteer organization comprised almost exclusively of volunteers from CAATE accredited AT programs. Any AT program faculty member or preceptor who is interested in participation on the CAATE Board of Commissioners is welcome to apply and should do so. ATs, clinicians, and others who are not currently program faculty are also welcome to apply. In addition to service on the Commission, individuals can apply to participate in any of the volunteer options that are available via the CAATE committees, task forces or as peer reviewers.

When are applications due? What is the process after that?

Submissions are due by April 27, 2023. The CAATE DEI & Leadership Committee will review all applications, then conduct interviews in conjunction with the Finance & Governance Committee with selected candidates. Candidates will be assessed based on the current and future needs of the commission. The joint committee will subsequently prepare a slate of candidates to be presented to the current CAATE Board of Commissioners, which will elect the new commissioner(s) at the CAATE Board of Commissioners meeting in August 2023.

New commissioners will begin their term as of September 2023.

Where can I apply? You can apply [here](#).