



## **Board Election FAQ**

### **What is the Board?**

The PBMA Board of Directors is the group that provides the vision, direction and policy leadership for the organization.

### **When does the PBMA board meet?**

The PBMA Board of Directors meets 10-12 times per year. At least two meetings are held on site, and the others are held on via teleconference. The face-to-face meetings are as follows:

- Winter board meeting and conference planning meeting
- Two meetings are held at the Annual conference in late May/early June

Unless there are extenuating circumstances, all board members are expected to attend the PBMA conference and winter board meeting at their expense.

The PBMA Board has several working committees and all board members are expected to actively participate in at least one committee. Committee meetings are generally held via teleconference. Standing committees include the Finance, Governance, Strategic Planning, conference, and a five-person executive committee, consisting of the immediate past chair, and PBMA's four officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer who are elected for one-year terms by the full board) and the Conference Chair.

Task-oriented committees work on specific issues and activities such as Conference Planning, Election/Nomination, and Professional Development. PBMA Board members also engage in activities done as limited time special projects such as bylaws review and strategic planning.

### **How Many Seats are up for Election in 2010?**

There are two seats to be filled in our 2010 election.

### **How Do I Become a Candidate?**

All those interested in running for the board in 2010 must submit a letter of interest as outlined below. The letter must be received by PBMA by Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, by fax (803-771-4831), or email to [rick@pbma.org](mailto:rick@pbma.org), or by post at 939 South Stadium Road, Columbia, SC 29201.

Nominations will be announced in late April. Ballots will be mailed by April 30th prior to PBMA's 2010 Annual Conference in Tampa.

**What do I need to include in my letter of interest?**

To run for the board we ask all candidates to provide the following materials that will be included with the election ballot.

- The PBMA 2010 board nomination application form (available in February 2010)
- In 100 words or less, a statement that addresses, your responses to the following questions:
  1. What is your view of PBMA as an organization
  2. What is your vision for PBMA
  3. What will you do, as a Board Member, to advance PBMA?
  4. As technology and public broadcasting changes, how should PBMA remain a vital and relevant organization in the public broadcasting community?

Send your statement and resume to PBMA 939 South Stadium Road, Columbia, SC 29201, or by email to [rick@pbma.org](mailto:rick@pbma.org), or fax to 803-771-4831.

**When does the election take place?**

Ballots for the 2010 board election will be mailed to members in April and are due no later than May 5th at the address provided on the ballot. Ballots received after May 5th will not be counted. The first meeting of the new board is held at the annual conference in May 2010.

**Must the number of candidates equal the number of seats?**

No. There can be more endorsed candidates on the ballot than the number of seats available.

**What's it like to be a PBMA board member?**

If you have any questions concerning the election process or what's involved with being on the PBMA Board, please contact any member of the PBMA Election Committee

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