

Physician PAC Membership—Call for Nominations

The Physician Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC) is seeking motivated Commissioned Corps and civil service physicians who are interested in serving as members on this advisory panel. PPAC membership is open to **all physicians who are employed in the Department of Health and Human Services' Operating Divisions (OPDIVs), as well as Commissioned Corps officers in the medical category detailed to other governmental or private entities.**

The mission of the PPAC is to provide advice and consultation to the Surgeon General on issues related to the professional practice and the personnel activities of the Medical Category. Additionally, the PPAC seeks to represent a cross section of the activities and interests of all DHHS physicians. The PPAC currently meets every other month. Travel is not required for membership, and conference calling capability is available for all meetings. Regular attendance at meetings is required, and PPAC members are expected to actively participate in the activities of at least one subcommittee during the 3-year term of service.

At least seven (7) full-voting membership positions will be available as of January 1, 2011. The PPAC will recommend successful candidates to the Surgeon General for a 3-year appointment, with the concurrence of the line supervisors and OPDIV representatives; current PPAC voting members self-nominating for a second term might have the option to serve a term shorter than 3 years. **Commissioned Corps officers or civil service physicians who are interested are encouraged to self-nominate.**

The candidate must submit a CV, a nomination statement (see below), and a letter from his/her supervisor which demonstrates supervisor support for the nomination.

The **nomination statement** should be no more than 400 words and should respond to the following questions:

1. Please describe your understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the Medical Category and highlight any particular interests or concerns that motivate you to become a voting PPAC member. What contributions would you like to make during your term as a voting member? What particular committee(s) interest you and why?
2. What skills, attributes, experiences, talents and qualities would you bring to PPAC service? How could those benefit the PPAC?
3. Please write about your current/past PPAC participation and accomplishments. Specifically describe your roles and impact on any PPAC committees (and have the relevant committee chair[s] concur by email to the membership subcommittee chair). Cite the dates of PPAC meetings that you attended in the 12 months prior to the nomination date. If you have been an affiliate member, state the dates of your affiliate membership.
4. Briefly mention other activities that demonstrate your officership and commitment to the Commissioned Corps (if applicable).

These documents should be sent as a Word attachment to an e-mail message by **August 15, 2010** to the following address:

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For more information about the PPAC and for additional information regarding requirements for and selection of voting membership, please visit the website at <http://usphs-ppac.net/>.