

AESA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION INFORMATION

AESA Bylaws, Article III, Section (b) states “In order to maintain 12 council members and have four-year terms of office, each region elects council members three out of four years. The election sequence will be determined by the council with each region having a bye every four years.”

The 2026-2027 national nominations must come from the central, southern, and western regions.

Current Council Member	Region	State
Harold Coles Jennifer Felker Catherine Lawson	Eastern	New York Ohio Massachusetts
David Honish Luke Schaefer Dan Schnoes (Past President) John Searles	Central	Wisconsin North Dakota Nebraska Michigan
Jill Broussard Daniel Mayer Chris Modellmog	Western	Arizona Wyoming Kansas
Armando Aguirre Shanna Downs Nancy Hutchinson (President)	Southern	Texas Georgia Kentucky
Jessica Vavrus	State Associations	Washington

In 2026-2027, the eastern region has a bye and will not have a nominee. The states in the eastern region include Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

2026 – 2027 Election Timelines

August 3, 2026	Nomination information and forms are posted on the AESA Website. AESA Executive Council
September 14, 2026	Nominations, biographical statement, pledge letter, and picture are due at the AESA office.
October 19, 2026	Nominations set or, if necessary, regional primary election ballots emailed to involved regions(s).
November 9, 2026	Regional elections ballots due at AESA.
December 14, 2026	National ballots electronically submitted to the AESA membership.
January 8, 2027	National ballots are due in AESA office.

Click [HERE](#) to download the 2026-2027 AESA Executive Council Nomination Form.

Nominations, biographical statements, signed pledge letters, and digital pictures are due to AESA Chief of Staff Ann Fiene at afiene@aesas.us on or before **September 14, 2026**.