

BRANCH COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2021 – FACT SHEET

Help shape the future of pharmacy

Nominations for the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's (PSA) 2021 State and Territory Branch Committee elections are due to open from **26 February 2021** for full financial members.



The full election process will be held from March to May 2021. Following the postponed 2020 elections, terms of newly elected committee members will commence 1 July 2021 and end 30 June 2023 to maintain the existing three year election cycle.

The elections are a unique opportunity for members to lead the pharmacy profession through PSA, the peak national body for pharmacists, to:

- Have your say in the future of PSA
- Help lead the profession to support excellence in pharmacy
- Influence health policies and ensure a viable and sustainable future for pharmacists and pharmacy
- Enjoy personal development and new career opportunities.

What PSA is looking for? Nominate today

All eligible members with an interest in leading the profession are welcome to nominate for the 2021 Branch Committee elections. As part of PSA's diversity focus, we encourage nominations from:

- Early Career Pharmacists (ECPs)
- Female pharmacists
- Pharmacists from a range of cultural backgrounds
- Pharmacists located in rural and regional areas of Australia.

Election timetable

The key election announcements and dates are:

Key dates	Election activities
26 February	Nominations open for PSA Branch Committees
26 March	Nominations close. States declare if ballots required
14 April	Voting opens
11 May	Voting closes

How to nominate

If you have the enthusiasm and drive to be a Pharmacy leader and influence the profession, make sure you nominate. Full details and nomination forms will be available on PSA's website from 26 February: <https://www.psa.org.au/2021-branch-committee-elections/>

Nominations will close at 5pm AEDT on Friday, 26 March. We will be using the #PSA2021election during the nomination and election process.

PSA Governance and structure

Each State and Territory has a Branch Committee with a set number of representatives. The role of the Branch Committee is to use their collective skills to advocate for the profession, promote membership and represent their respective State and Territory.

The Branch Committees nominate members to become a National Board Director.

To find out more about PSA's Governance, policies and recent achievements, see the following link <https://www.psa.org.au/about/governance/>:

- **2019-2020 Annual Report**
- **PSA Constitution**
- **PSA By-Laws**
- **Diversity**

“For PSA to truly deliver the profession its vision for the future of pharmacy as the peak professional body, it needs leaders who are in touch with current evidence based practice and understand the needs of the broad context of our contribution to health care. I believe that critical to the success of any organisation is the need for diversity of practice, experience, skills, background, knowledge and opinions within its leadership. The ECP Board position and ECP network is one example which demonstrates that PSA is committed to the development of current and future leaders. My time as a Board Director has been one of the most professionally and personally satisfying things I have ever done. “

– Lauren Burton, ECP National Board Director



Branch Committee information

Personal qualities PSA is looking for from Committee Members:

- **Engagement** – A Committee Member provides a high level of commitment and willingness to contribute to the committee and PSA members.
- **Respect** – A Committee Member is respectful of fellow committee member's contributions and actively allow safe discussions with an open mind.
- **Willingness to Learn** – A Committee Member commits to being part of a learning committee with a focus on the future strategy of PSA as set by the PSA Board. As a Committee Member you seek to continually learn and improve and take responsibility to educate and develop as a Committee.
- **Personal Integrity** – Fulfilling a committee member's duties and responsibilities, observe confidentiality and putting the PSA's interest before personal interests act ethically for the collective good of the PSA.
- **Discipline** – A Committee Member takes responsibility to ensure timely and effective decision making occurs, offering compromises and alternatives when there are divergent views.
- **Curiosity and Courage** – A Committee Member must have the curiosity to ask questions and the courage to persist in asking or to challenge management and fellow committee members when necessary.

Conditions of appointment to a Branch Committee

- The appointment will be for a term of **two years commencing on 1 July 2021**. You are eligible to stand for re-election at the end of the three-year term, but cannot retain office for more than five consecutive terms.
- You must be a financial member however this does not include an Associate Member, Student Member, Affiliate Member, International Member, Incorporated Member or Honorary Members and Honorary Fellows who are not pharmacists.
- You will be required to attend up to five Branch Committee meetings a year. Each meeting will require adequate preparation time to read papers to be discussed. Attendance at extra meetings may be required. In addition to committee meetings, it is expected that you would represent PSA at agreed activities throughout the year.
- You will be required to comply with the PSA Constitution and By Laws, internal policies and applicable regulatory requirements.
- Disclosure of interests in any contract or arrangement related to PSA will be required in terms of the Conflicts of Interest & Duty Policy and Related Party Transactions Policy.

Contact

Please contact your State or Territory Manager if you have any questions about nominating.

For more information about the 2021 election contact the Company Secretary at Company.Secretary@psa.org.au.