The SAA Nominating Committee continually seeks candidates for SAA Board membership. The Board Nominating Committee encourages experienced teachers, parents and professionals who have legal, financial, marketing or administrative experience to seek nominations for the Board. These candidates should represent the SAA membership with vision and dedication to the Suzuki Philosophy.

If you would like to nominate a person (you may wish to nominate yourself) for the SAA Board, here are the criteria used for choosing candidates.

An individual who will:

1. Steward the mission of the SAA
2. Attend three 2-3-day meetings per year
3. Be a productive and prepared board member
4. Forgo simultaneous membership on any other national music organization’s board
5. Serve on Board Committees as needed including volunteer work for the SAA
6. Make an annual financial contribution to the SAA and to cultivate other funds for the SAA
7. Have strong listening skills and work within a consensus model for decision making

Please call the SAA Office for further information or send in the following materials:

1. A letter of nomination from an active member
2. Resume of the nominee
3. Brief statement from the nominee highlighting reasons for interest in serving on the board
4. Letter of reference
Article 4: Board of Directors

Section 4.1 Directors

a. The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors.

b. Number. There shall be no fewer than eight Directors including officers. The number of Directors may also be changed by a resolution of a majority of either the entire Board of Directors or the Voting Members. Under no circumstances may the term of any incumbent Director be shortened except as provided in Section 4.6.

c. Term. The term of each elected Director will be three years and begin on August 1. The term of each appointed Director may be up to three years. A Director may serve no more than two consecutive full terms (six consecutive years) as a Director unless completing the Chair Elect/Chair cycle as further defined in these Bylaws and Board governing policies. No person may serve as a Director within three years of having served two consecutive full terms.

d. Qualification. Each Director must be a Voting Member.

e. Directors do not represent specific constituencies.

Note: Each director must be an SAA member, but that doesn’t mean a non-member can’t be nominated. There is established precedence for non-members being elected to the board and joining SAA before their term begins.
Policy 4.10.1

1. Nominating Committee

A. Product: Properly screened potential board members (with consideration given to geographic, instrumental, professional and cultural diversity) and proposed slate of officers.
B. Authority: To incur costs of no more than $500.00 in direct charges and no more than twenty (20) hours of staff time.

Policy 4.11.7

7. Re-nomination/nomination of board members may be based upon such factors as the Nominating Committee deems appropriate, including a prospective board member’s personal knowledge, skills, demonstrated leadership and commitment to the organization, professional relationships, professional associations and, for existing board members, fulfillment of individual directors’ responsibilities. In addition, as the organization’s needs may change over time, it is expected that the Nominating Committee may find it necessary to replace at least some members whose current terms are expiring with individuals who may better satisfy such needs. Accordingly, no member should expect to be re-nominated at the end of his or her term.

Nomination Timeline

**Ongoing:** Board members and Nominating Committee brainstorm possible nominees (using guidelines expressed in the governing policies).

**September:** Nominating Committee meets to narrow list of possibilities.

**Fall:** Nominating committee reviews nominee materials and schedules phone interviews with candidates.

**January meeting:** Board approves/disapproves proposed slate.

**Board elections** must be held between **February 1 and April 15** in accordance with Bylaws.

**May:** Incoming board members are presented to membership at the Annual Membership Meeting.