The Path to National Leadership Opportunities
SNA Leadership Opportunities

Are you looking for a challenging way to pursue your passion in school nutrition?

Are you ready to take your experience and skills to the next level?

Can a national leadership experience enhance your career?
So. . . Where do you start?

The path to national leadership starts right here!
Are You Ready?

- Right time in your career?
- Right time in your personal life?
- Impact on other volunteer activity?
- Pursuing your education?
Get Started!

• Be an active SNA member in good standing
• Seek opportunities to volunteer at chapter or state level
  » Committee
  » Events
  » Recruiting new members
Look for opportunities in your state association

1. Be a chapter leader
2. Be a committee chair
3. Run or volunteer for state VP, Pres-Elect, President
4. Attend SNA conferences
5. Find a mentor who is already a volunteer
Leadership Coaching Resources

- Current state board members
- Past State Presidents
- State Association Executives/Directors
Volunteering provides

Opportunities to develop
- Leadership experience
- Leadership skills
Prepare by developing your leadership skills

- Think big picture
- Believe passionately in School Nutrition
- Build a reputation for honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior
- Earn trust

- Be a life-long learner
- Use challenges as learning opportunities
- Be present
- Build presentation skills

- Strengthen interpersonal communication skills
- Build consensus
- Be a good problem solver
Committee Appointment Eligibility

- Current member in good standing
- SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
- Membership segment representative (select committees)

Submit Committee Interest form on https://schoolnutrition.org/LeadershipOpp/ (also used for task force interest)
Considerations for Committee Appointments

- Geographic representation
- Subject matter expertise representatives
- Interest in the role
- Various attributes such as race, gender, school district size, free/reduced lunch, etc.
Time Commitment

Committees meet mostly via Zoom calls

Committees sometimes meet in person if required for a specific purpose
SNA pays travel expenses

Assigned tasks

Aligned to the strategic plan and annual plan of action
## Elected Positions

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<th>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</th>
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<td>President</td>
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<th>LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</th>
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<td>7 Regional Representatives</td>
<td>2 years</td>
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Eligibility for Board Positions

- **All roles**
  - Member in good standing
  - SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
  - State Board Experience

- **All SNA officer roles**
  - SNA Board experience

- **President, Pres-Elect, Vice President**
  - BA degree
  - SNS Credential
  - Previous SNA Board experience

- **Leadership Development Committee**
  - Employed in region represented (LDC)
  - SNA Board, Committee, or task force experience

- **Employee Manager Representative**
  - Member in relevant membership segment

- **Secretary-Treasurer**
  - Knowledge of Finance
# Nominations and Election Schedule

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<td>Call for Nominations</td>
<td>July/ANC</td>
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<td>Nominations close</td>
<td>September 30</td>
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<td>Slate selected by Leadership Development Committee</td>
<td>Early November</td>
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<td>Final slate announced</td>
<td>Early November</td>
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<td>Campaign</td>
<td>October – Feb 28</td>
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<td>Election</td>
<td>February 15-28</td>
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Benefits to You!

- Develop and strengthen leadership skills
- Provide input to School Nutrition policy issues
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Improve public speaking skills
- Improve understanding of financial management
Even more benefits!

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<th>School District</th>
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<td>• Best practices in SN from around the country brought back to district</td>
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<td>• A school nutrition professional with more leadership skills</td>
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<td>• District programs and accomplishments often receive national recognition</td>
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<td>• “Stretch”, learn new skills and acquire new knowledge from you!</td>
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<td>• Best practices and solutions brought back by you!</td>
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SNA Past President’s Comments

“Developing strong relationships with excellent leaders”.

“...getting positive feedback from members...who would tell me I had been a role model, and something I had done or said had influenced them positively...”.

“Making a difference in the lives of school nutrition professionals”.

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Be a National SNA Leader!

Scan the QR Code to fill out a Volunteer Leadership Interest Form!