

Division Listserv Use Policies/Practices for APA President Elections

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	Campaigning	Endorsement	Discussion	
1	N	N	N	Division One simply lists the Members and Fellows of our Division on our list serve and note that they are candidates for APA President-elect. No campaigning, endorsements, etc.
7	N	N	N	We explicitly avoid all three activities on your list. Nor do we allow candidates to attend our executive committee meetings in order to pitch their candidacy. We do encourage our members to vote for candidates who are likely to support the Division's interest in research (as opposed to practice), but we never endorse anyone specifically
12	Y	Y (except by Board)	Y	The only restriction D12 has is that the Board as a whole may not endorse a candidate on the listserv (or elsewhere, for that matter). Individuals are welcome to share their thoughts.
13	N	N	N	As Pres of Div 13 (Society for Consulting Psychology) we have chosen to restrict our listserv to non-political postings and issues. Of course there have been violations in the past but we continue to keep our list as non-political as possible.
14 (SIOP)	NA	NA	NA	SIOP doesn't have a division-wide listserv. We have list serves for students, program directors, an LGBT group and ethnic minority affairs. We have guidelines, but these do not address campaign activities. In general, there hasn't been any problem with unwanted campaigning. In cases where the Executive Committee believes that one candidate clearly represents the interests of our field and members better than competitors, the president may issue an all-member e-mail with an endorsement. We do not endorse a candidate for every election.
22	Y	Y	Y	Division 22 does not limit APA presidential campaign material on the listserv.
27	N	N	N	Although we do not have a formal policy, our practice has been to prohibit campaigning on the Division Listserv. The Division does not formally endorse candidates.
28	Y	Y (Board endorses)	Y	We have encouraged APA candidates to subscribe and post their own messages if they are interested. Our executive board discusses the slate

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				on their own list and by teleconference, and usually endorses a candidate. Our lists are unmoderated. There is no prior review of anything posted there...Therefore, any APA member can post anything anytime. Therefore, discussion or endorsement happens.
39				We faced a situation in which there seemed to be only one person from our division looking for nominations for APA President, and we posted on our listserv the information that this person had spoken at our board meeting and received support. Then we learned that there was another member who wanted to be nominated, so we posted a follow-up statement clarifying that the first candidate had not been formally endorsed by Board vote, noting that there was now another member (whom we named) looking for nominations, and urging members to think seriously about sending in nominations. Then both of these individuals wanted to put their campaign platforms on the listserv, at which point we implemented a longstanding policy against using the listserv for campaign purposes. None of this felt entirely comfortable, but I think that the policy against politicking via the listserv probably solves more problems than it creates. If our board had taken a formal vote in support of an official candidate at a later point in the process, it would have been appropriate to let the membership know of this, as would be true for any board action with direct implications for members.
41	NA	NA	NA	Division 41 does not have a listserv. We have also refrained from supporting a particular candidate for APA offices. Our Executive Committee has said in the past that we are primarily a professional, as opposed to a guild or political organization. That might change in the future, but as far as I know it is our position at the current time.
44	No policy	No policy	No policy	Division 44 does not have a listserv policy, nor do we endorse a candidate. However, we do publish candidates' statements on issues related to our division in our Newsletter (which is also published on our website).
48	Y (candidate statements are posted by request)	N	N	Division 48 has a policy not to endorse any candidates. We do send out statements from candidates if they request we do so on our Announcement-only listserv, however we have not had any Division-

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				wide discussion of candidates and their positions via our discussion listserv to date. Any discussion has been more informal and off the listserv.
50	Candidates invited to respond to questions and submit statement	N	-	As President of Division 50, I invited all APA Presidential candidates to submit a brief (200 word) statement about their goals and objectives, specifically as they may related to Division 50 and the Addictions. All candidates submitted statements which were posted to our listserv. No endorsements were made or implied. Our division has no official policy about this, but members found it helpful.
52	N – However, candidates invited to respond to questions and submit statement	N	N	At Div 52, we have decided to invite all candidates for APA President to respond to our questions on matters germane to the Division and to international psychology generally. We post these written responses electronically within our newsletter and announcements only web page. We do not invite candidates to speak at meetings nor do we post campaign-style announcements via our listserv or web announcements page.
53/54	N	N	Y	Divisions 53 and 54 only allow: Discussion of the candidates and their positions/platforms
Council	N	Y (Only caucuses may endorse)	N	Council decided some time ago to not allow individuals to use the Council list serve for campaigning. Only caucuses (groups of Council representatives with similar interests) are allowed to post support for candidates, and that is only once each year for that office. Otherwise, the listserve can get bogged down with mail and take up a lot of everyone's time. With the new method of election, each candidate has a chance to send in a statement of their goals. These statements are available to everyone when they are ready to vote.

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