

Board Elections: Voting Guide

2026



Positions proceeding to a ballot

- Two Board positions proceed to a ballot this year:
 - General Director, APS Division of Early Career – to serve from the 2026 AGM to the 2029 AGM (three years).
 - General Director, APS Division of Colleges, College of Clinical Psychologists – to serve from the 2026 AGM to the 2029 AGM (three years).

Voting eligibility

- Voting Members are defined in the APS Constitution as:
 - APS Honorary Fellows
 - APS Fellows
 - APS Members
 - APS Associate Members

Voting for the General Director, APS Division of Early Career position

- To vote in the General Director, Division of Early Career election, you must be a Voting Member who was a current and financial member of the APS on the date of the close of the electoral roll (31 August 2026) and a member of any APS Division.

Voting for the General Director, APS College of Clinical Psychologists position

- To vote in the General Director, Division of Colleges, College of Clinical Psychologists election, you must be a Voting Member who was a current and financial member of the APS on the date of the close of the electoral roll (31 August 2026) and a member of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists.

Ballot open and close dates

- The ballot opens at 10:00 am AEDT on Tuesday 27 October 2026.
- The ballot closes at 10:00 am AEDT on Tuesday 10 November 2026.

Optional preferential voting

- In accordance with clause 97(a) of the APS Constitution, Board elections employ the optional preferential voting method. Valid votes may be cast in three ways:

1. Selecting one candidate, without allocating any further preferences OR

2. Allocating preferences to some of the candidates, without allocating preferences to all candidates OR

3. Allocating a preference to every candidate on the ballot.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITION –

– One (1) Position

To vote, place numbers from “1” up to “4” in the squares opposite each name of the candidates for whom you wish to vote in order of your preference. You are not required to indicate a preference for each and every candidate listed in the ballot.

Please note:

- Your vote will be valid even if you do not place a number in every square.
- Using marks other than numbers starting at the number “1” will render your vote invalid.

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FANG James

1

BISSET Anna

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SIMPSON Jason

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BORELI Laura

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BISSET Anna

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SIMPSON Jason

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3

BISSET Anna

4

SIMPSON Jason

2

BORELI Laura

FAQs

How is the order of candidate names on the ballot determined?

The order of names listed on the ballot is provided in alphabetical order, by surname.

How are votes counted?

Votes are tallied by the independent Returning Officer, *Vero Voting*. A candidate wins the election if:

- they secure an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the primary vote, or
- they secure a majority after the distribution of preferences.

Who oversees the voting?

The Returning Officer, Vero Voting, independently oversees the voting process and the counting of the vote in accordance with our Constitution. The APS has no part in determining how votes or preferences are cast, and no visibility of how members vote. Once the ballot closes, the Returning Officer has the results audited and provides an assurance report to the APS. The outcome of the election is announced at our Annual General Meeting.

How should I allocate my preferences?

This decision is yours to make. The APS, other candidates, and other members may not instruct you regarding for whom to vote or provide preferences.

FAQs

How do I decide for whom to vote?

Each candidate provides a Candidate Capability Statement about the skills and experience they believe they will bring to our Board. Candidates may also develop supplementary material to promote their candidacy. Please note that the APS reviews submitted campaign material for adherence to the Board Election Policy and Campaigning Rules, however, is unable to verify content accuracy.

A candidate has made some attractive promises. Will they deliver on these promises?

No Board Director exercises individual power. Boards make decisions as a collective, based on the best interests of the APS as a whole. Any significant changes, like changes to our Constitution, must go to our members for decision at a General Meeting. We encourage candidates to be cautious about promises and undertakings given while campaigning.

I have received unsolicited candidate campaign material that I do not want. What can I do?

The contact information members supply to us is confidential and we take our obligations under our Privacy Policy seriously. The APS does not supply any member or any Board candidate with your details for campaigning. All campaign material must provide the ability to unsubscribe or opt out of future campaign communications. Candidates are accountable for the way their campaigns are conducted, and they may only campaign during the ballot period. If you have received campaign communications that you do not want, please advise the candidate as soon as possible.

I have changed my mind and want to change my vote. Can I?

Once your vote is cast, it is final. The APS cannot see or edit any vote. The Returning Officer, Vero Voting, ensures that each eligible member may only cast their vote once in the ballot for any particular Board Director position.

Key dates

Nominations closed

10:00 am AEDT Monday 12 October 2026

Ballots open

10:00 am AEDT Tuesday 27 October 2026

Campaigning commences

From 10:00 am AEDT Tuesday 27 October 2026

Ballots close

10:00 am AEDT Tuesday 10 November 2026

Candidates confidentially advised of results

Tuesday 10 November 2026

Announcement of new General Directors at Annual General Meeting

From 6:00 pm AEDT Wednesday 11 November 2026

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