

FAQs

What kinds of volunteer opportunities exist within the association?

- Region volunteer opportunities exist within states/regions and are filled by Region leadership. Please reach out to your Region leadership today. <http://www.iavm.org/regions/iavm-regions-home>
- Make application to serve on the Board of Directors as either a Sector Director or 2nd Vice Chair (senior leadership). <http://www.iavm.org/2nd-vice-chair-selection>
- Service on the Board of Directors as a Region Director. Region Directors' positions are elected within each region. See your region web page for more information. <http://www.iavm.org/regions/iavm-regions-home>
- Committee call for volunteers occurs annually in January for service on either board or management committees. Terms run from July to July (in conjunction with IAVM's *VenueConnect*) <http://www.iavm.org/volunteer-opportunities>
- Volunteer opportunities are available at IAVM's *VenueConnect* – Room monitor, greeter, ticket taker, transportation assistant, registration, social media and/or blog contributions, human direction signage, silent auction monitors, signage placement
- School/Academy volunteer opportunities – Room monitor, greeter, registration, social media and/or blog contributions
- Mentor Connector Program – <http://www.iavm.org/mentor-connector-program>
- Write a blog and/or newsletter article regarding industry "hot topics", news, or events

Can anyone volunteer (professionals, academics, students, allied members, etc.)?

- Any member of IAVM in good standing is eligible to volunteer.

What are the selection criteria for committee work?

- <http://www.iavm.org/volunteer-opportunities>
- Management committee appointments are made by the IAVM President/CEO in conjunction with the committee chair and vice chair of each management committee.
- Board committee appointments are made by the incoming Board Chair.

How do I apply?

- <http://www.iavm.org/volunteer-opportunities>

What are the deadlines for Committee Call for Volunteers' process?

- The committee call for volunteers opens in January (annually) and will remain open for a minimum of 45 days – to not exceed 60 days.
- Appointment letters are sent annually in late May to volunteers.
- Acceptance/declination for an appointment must be received by mid-June.

What is the required time commitment to serve on a committee?

- Majority of committee appointments are a one year term. Terms run from *VenueConnect* to *VenueConnect*.
- Board of Governors, Board of Regents, Certification Board terms are the exception – either two or three year terms.

I applied to serve on a committee and I wasn't offered a seat. Should I reapply? Are there other volunteer opportunities that might suit me better?

- Limited spaces on committees does not allow all volunteer requests to be filled. However, any volunteers that are not placed are sent to the region leadership to utilize. Limiting number of committee appointments per person also increases the number of available spaces.
- Please reapply annually and always feel free to reach out to IAVM President/CEO or Director of Governance to see if openings have become available during the year.
- Contact your region leadership to get involved at the grass roots level of IAVM.
- Start out small at Venue*Connect* with either the Association or Foundation activities/assignments.

I don't think I have time to serve on a committee, but I love IAVM and want to be involved in some other way. What next?

- Mentor Connector Program - <http://www.iavm.org/mentor-connector-program>
- Host a chapter meeting in your area - <http://www.iavm.org/regions/iavm-regions-home>
- Write an article for FM, the newsletter, or the blog
- Sign up to speak at an IAVM event, webinar, meeting
- Become a subject matter expert

How many people generally make up the size of a committee?

- Committee sizes vary.
 - If the committee is tasked with an event (meeting, school, etc.) – size will range from 15 – 24.
 - Some board committees have only 7 members.
 - Many management committees are between 12 – 14 members.

Who decides who serves on a committee?

- Board committee appointments are made by the First Vice Chair of the Board of Directors (incoming Board Chair).
- Management committee appointments are made by the President/CEO in collaboration with the committee chair, vice chair and staff liaison.

Who do I contact if I have a question that is not answered in the FAQ?

- Reach out to [Rosanne Duke](#), Director of Governance/Operations

Why Volunteer?

- Great opportunity to network with your peers.
- Give back to the industry and association you love.
- Make a difference!
- Learn about issues that face our industry and how to address issues from a city, state, federal level.

Can I apply for multiple committee assignments?

- The Committee Call for Volunteers allows up to three volunteer opportunities.
- We try to limit appointments to one or two committees in total.

What are the benefits of serving on a committee?

- See the Why Volunteer FAQ above.
- Get to work with amazing members and staff.

What's the length of time of a committee assignment?

- Most committee terms are one year.
- The exceptions are Board of Regents, Board of Governors, and Certification Board.
- Some chair and vice chair positions are two year terms.

When does my term start/end?

- Terms run from *VenueConnect* to *VenueConnect* – or from July to July.