

Running for AFA Executive Council

The Regular Election Cycle

- Join AFA and be a member for 5 continuous months prior to the election.
- Submit your name to the AFA office at afa@santarosa.edu when the call for nominations is made.
- Include a statement of no more than 250 words supporting your candidacy.
- The call for nominations is made every fall semester for two-year terms beginning the following fall. So, the nominations and elections that take place during the fall of 2023 are for terms that begin in fall of 2024.

Vacated Council Seats

In addition to the regular election cycle (described above), we often have executive council seats that become vacant in the middle of their term. In those cases, we solicit interest from the membership for those interested in finishing out the term of those vacated seats. For these positions, the council can choose to appoint a replacement or to ask the membership to vote for the replacement. This decision is made during an open session of an executive council meeting.

Basic/Minimum Expectations of Councilors

Those members serving on the Executive Council are expected to attend, in person, our regular executive council meetings. They take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 3 – 5 pm (one meeting per semester is typically held in Petaluma). Councilors are also expected to attend our retreat once per semester and to represent AFA on a district-wide committee.

There are 19 seats on our Executive Council – 10 for contract faculty and 9 for associate faculty.

Associate faculty are paid for their attendance at AFA Executive Council meetings (plus ½ hour for preparation) and for serving on a district-wide committee as an AFA representative.

Officer Positions

Several officer positions – President, both Vice Presidents, Secretary/Treasurer, and Associate Cabinet Rep – are available only to members of the executive council. Elections for those officer positions are conducted following the regular election cycle for the executive council. The Conciliation/Grievance Officer, the Chief Negotiator, and other Negotiator positions do not need to be filled by members of the executive council. Elections for these positions also happen after the executive council elections.