



## **2026 NASPGHAN Officer Position Description**

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT\***

#### **General Description**

According to the NASPGHAN Bylaws Article VI, Section 1, the president-elect serves as an elected officer of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) and is a member of both the Executive Council and Council. The president-elect supports the president, the Council, and the Executive Director in setting and advancing the strategic direction of the Society.

As a part of NASPGHAN's leadership transition, the president-elect serves a two-year term and will assume the role of president upon completion of their president-elect term, then serves an additional two-year term as president, followed by service as past president for two additional years. Therefore, the full term as a presidential officer is six years. The president-elect may not succeed themselves in the same office.

The president-elect works collaboratively with the Officers, Council, and Executive Director to support the governance of the society and advance NASPGHAN's mission.

According to NASPGHAN Bylaws Article IV, Section 3: If a vacancy occurs in the president position, the president-elect will become the president. If the president-elect position becomes vacant, a new election is required.

#### **Qualifications and Competencies**

As part of the leadership transition process preparing the president-elect to become president, the president-elect will serve as a member of the Executive Council and Council, attend designated committee meetings, and represent the president when needed. Ideally, the president-elect will possess the following competencies and attributes to strengthen the governance and strategic direction of NASPGHAN as a professional society representing members from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

- Strategic leadership and governance of the Society
- Organizational effectiveness and decision-making
- Strategic long-term planning and priorities
- Organizational adaptability in a dynamic environment
- Knowledgeable about NASPGHAN's mission, programs, services, and initiatives
- Collaborative with an inclusive leadership approach

- Substantial organizational leadership experience
- Familiarity with research initiatives and societal manuscripts
- Knowledge of Council and committee operations
- Proficient in reviewing financial reports, budgets, and audit summaries as a member of Council.
- Possess excellent communication skills (both written and oral)
- Support the Council in maintaining the financial stewardship of the Society.

**Additional Responsibilities:** The president-elect assumes additional responsibilities as determined by the president, and traditionally, the president-elect may serve as follows:

- Provides leadership to the organization of the annual meeting
- Chair of the Awards Committee
- Chair of the Nominating Committee

**NASPGHAN Foundation:** As a member of the Executive Council, the president-elect is expected to:

- Financially support the NASPGHAN Foundation.
- Promote awareness of Foundation programs that support research, education, and professional development in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition.
- Engage in fundraising and identify opportunities for partnerships and financial support.
- Attend Foundation events, and external engagements to strengthen visibility and relationships with potential partners.
- Support the Foundation financially and identify potential supporters of NASPGHAN leveraging one's network.

**Duties of the president-elect:**

- Participate in monthly virtual NASPGHAN Council meetings and two in-person meetings per year.
- Participate in regular virtual Executive Council meetings.
- Support NASPGHAN's advocacy initiatives.
- Support the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategic plans.
- Participate in the full review journey of Society papers from initial concept proposals through formal Council review of completed manuscripts, helping determine whether revisions are needed to ensure each paper appropriately represents the Society.