

**Criteria for Membership on the  
BUSINESS MEMBERS BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Selection Principles:** Nominees to serve as members of the APTA Business Member Board of Governors (BMBG) should possess the following qualifications and attributes:

1. The nominees selected should have diverse backgrounds, be representative of all business segments in APTA and be selected in accordance with APTA's Diversity Policy. The Nominating Committee shall attempt to balance within the BMBG a broad representation of constituent business interests, including but not limited to: bus and rail vehicle manufacturers, bus and rail suppliers, consultants, contractors, contract service providers, architects and engineers, industry publications and other member categories; representation for disadvantaged business enterprises and small businesses; and geographic diversity.
2. Nominees should be employed by an APTA member in good standing as defined in the APTA Bylaws and must meet the qualifications for members of the BMBG as outlined in the BMBG Bylaws, including authorization to serve from the senior executive of their company and the company's commitment to support the staff time and financial costs of attending meetings, fulfilling committee assignments and travel.
3. Nominees, and their company, should have a record of attending and actively participating in APTA and BMBG committees and meetings, and supporting APTA programs and initiatives. Due to its importance, attendance at the BMBG's annual business meeting in January is particularly important.
4. Nominees should hold senior level positions of authority in their company, with the power to make decisions affecting the transit part of their company's business.
5. Nominees should be willing to communicate and promote BMBG goals with all APTA members, as well as supporting and advising the BMBG on relevant issues.
6. The Nominations Committee reserves the right not to select more than one nominee from each company for positions that are available on either the BMBG or the APTA board of directors.

**Desirable Attributes:** The BMBG Nominating Committee will strongly consider the following attributes when selecting nominees for the BMBG and business member positions on the APTA Board of Directors:

- Diversity of businesses, individuals, and experience
- Willingness to attend regional and industry meetings
- Prior experience with APTA committees, governance, and meetings
- Willingness to work to enhance APTA's reputation and influence with potential business members
- Willingness to communicate regularly with other APTA board members and committees
- Willingness to work for the common industry good rather than company-specific issues
- Knowledge of and involvement in advocating public transportation issues to elected and appointed officials