



Calling all AVA Members

Make your voice count and help shape the future of AVA.

**VOTE NO LATER THAN
AUGUST 21!**

We've seen the conversations happening around the proposed AVA Bylaws amendments and we're thrilled. An engaged membership is a strong one, and your feedback, questions, and passion for AVA's future are exactly what make this community powerful.

That said, we want to be sure everyone understands the why behind the proposed changes and the thoughtful conversations your Board has had in shaping them.

These amendments weren't made lightly. The AVA Board of Directors spent time considering what leadership should look like as our organization continues to grow and how we can best support the volunteers who step up to lead.

What proposed changes? Why?

President-Elect Structure

What's changing? The President-Elect role will shift from a 3-year to a 4-year commitment: 2 years as President-Elect, then 2 years as President.

Why? This expanded structure allows the President-Elect more time to learn, lead, and prepare. By serving alongside the President for 2 years, the President-Elect gains deeper insight into board operations and organizational strategy which sets them up for success once they take the helm. It also creates stronger continuity, smoother transitions, and better alignment with AVA's long-term goals.

Elimination of the Presidential Advisor Position

What's changing? The Presidential Advisor position is being eliminated.

Why? While the title of Presidential Advisor is being eliminated the responsibilities to mentor, support and sit on the Board Development Commission have not been eliminated. Under the new structure, the President-Elect will serve 2 years alongside the President, building a stronger mentoring relationship over a longer period. This intentional overlap creates space for real-time collaboration and skill-building, rather than relying on hindsight or post-presidency advice. At the end of the President's 2-year term, they will transition to serve on the Board Development Commission just as before, where their experience directly helps to shape the future leadership.

Introducing the Treasurer-Elect

What's changing? A new Treasurer-Elect position will be added.

Why? This ensures that financial leadership transitions are smooth, well-mentored, and that AVA's fiscal health remains a top priority with consistent oversight and planning.

Wait! There's More!

Alongside these bylaw amendments, the Board Development Commission (BDC) has thoughtfully assembled a diverse and highly qualified slate of candidates for AVA leadership positions. Each nominee is deeply committed to advancing AVA's mission, values, and the future of vascular access. These individuals represent a range of perspectives and experiences, and we are excited for the direction they can take AVA in the coming years.

So, when you vote, you're not just shaping structure you're choosing the leaders who will carry it forward.

[Review Slate of Candidates](#)[VOTE!](#)

Who is the BDC?

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The BDC is comprised of past members of the AVA board as well members that have previously been in an AVA national leadership position such as special interest group, task force, network leadership and committee members. The BDC seeks qualified candidates and reviews leadership applications to determine candidates who have the areas of expertise to fulfill open positions on the AVA and AVA Foundation Boards.

2025 BDC Members

Amy Stone, Chair
Angela Rouleau, Chair-elect
Gwen Coney, Chair Advisor
Michelle DeVries, AVA Board Liaison
Max Holder, AVA Foundation Board Liaison
Tonya Heim, Past AVA President
Staci Harrison, Past AVA Board Member
Chaitenya Razdan, Past AVA Board Member
Nancy Trick
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Are you interested in serving on the BDC? [Click here](#) to learn more and apply!

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