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Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, Dr. John Hanlon has resigned from the position of FY19 President-Elect. Based on his resignation, there is now a vacancy for the FY19 President-Elect/FY20 President position. The AANA Board has heard your request to participate in the process to fill the vacancy. Therefore, *all eligible voting members* will have the opportunity to participate in an Advisory Vote for selection of the **FY19 President-Elect/FY20 President**.

### Bylaws and Requirements

We would like to take the opportunity to address questions that have been raised regarding the members' ability to vote. Per the AANA's Parliamentarian and Legal Counsel, the Bylaws give the Board of Directors authority over the appointment of the FY19 President-Elect/FY20 President when there is a vacancy. The Board feels in this case it is essential that members participate in this decision. The Board committed to use this Advisory Vote from the members to determine their selection for the FY19 President-Elect/FY20 President position. Per AANA Bylaws, the eligibility to serve in this role is limited to members who have served on the Board in the last 7 years.

It's important to note that Board members that are also candidates in the current election process recused themselves from voting on all decisions related to filling this vacancy in order to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest.

### Next Steps

We are in the process of reaching out to the eligible candidates to determine their interest in being considered for the FY19 President-Elect/FY20 President position. Once that is complete, a ballot for the Advisory Vote will be created and sent to eligible voting members to conduct the Advisory Vote. The Advisory Vote will take place in mid-June, shortly after the conclusion of the 2019 election (for the FY20 Board). Additional details will be communicated as the process unfolds.

The AANA values the voice of its members. We are proud to serve as your Board of Directors.

Sincerely,  
AANA Board of Directors

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