

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERSHIP

As a private institution, Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia's governance is grounded in its Corporation Bylaws ([Appendix C](#)). Complete stipulations of Board membership are outlined in Article III of the Bylaws. As specified in Article III, the maximum number of Trustees shall be fixed at eleven (11) which number shall include nine (9) Trustees and, in addition thereto, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board. No more than three (3) of the nine (9) Trustees shall be licensed, practicing certified registered nurse anesthetists (hereinafter "CRNA" or "CRNAs") which number shall include the president of the MTSA alumni association. No more than three (3) of the nine (9) Trustees shall be licensed, practicing anesthesiologists. Either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be an anesthesia practitioner from the following choices: A CRNA (at either the master or doctoral degree level) or an Anesthesiologist. No more than three (3) Trustees shall be private citizens representing business, education, and/or medical providers. It is desirable that the Board include members of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

The Board shall be self-perpetuating. Each member of the Board shall be elected for a three (3) year term and may be reelected for two (2) additional terms. Former Trustees shall be eligible for re-election to the Board after a one-year's absence from service as a Trustee. One-third of the membership of the Board shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Trustees.

A list of members and officers follows as [Appendix D](#).

In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Nominating Committee shall recommend, and the Trustees shall give final approval of a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office. Persons elected to fill vacancies shall be eligible for reelection to additional terms of office consistent with this policy. It is the policy and practice of the Board to minimize potential conflicts of interest and/or undue external influence by appointing a majority of members who do not have contractual and/or employment relationships.

The President of MTSA shall serve as an *ex officio*, non-voting member of the Board.