

Q&A from Call for Leadership Open House, Sept. 15, 2023, 2-3 p.m. Eastern

Q: When is the deadline for submitting [applications](#)?

A: Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Q: Regarding the [Policy and Technical Committees](#), what's the role of the emerging professional members?

A: That role is for staff with eight years of experience or less at an MPO. Each emerging professional member is assigned a mentor, and they meet (virtually) each quarter. The emerging professional is not a voting member, but has full access to the meetings. Most meetings are virtual, but there's an in-person meeting each fall at the annual conference, and another in the spring in Washington, DC.

Q: What are the terms for Policy and Technical Committee members?

A: It's a three-year term.

Q: [The description of the interest group leadership team](#) mentions that occasionally this includes supporting analysis for the technical committee. What does that look like?

A: There might be times where the AMPO [Technical Committee](#) asks for feedback from the leadership of an interest group, because of their expertise on a topic.

Q: Regarding the interest group leadership, that's a one-year term, right?

A: That's exactly right. And if members want to continue after a year, they can apply again and serve another term. We try to have a mix of new people and experienced members on each leadership team. We also try to get diversity in terms of MPO size and region of the country.

Q: [The application form](#) asks you to identify your top 3 priorities among the interest groups, but if you're really just interested in one, is that OK?

A: Yes, if there's only one interest group you're interested in, you can indicate that.

Q: What are the core responsibilities for the interest group leadership team member?

A: The members work together to identify topics for the four webinars – or chats or other events – each year. And each member takes responsibility for one event: clarifying the topic, identifying speakers, and moderating the event.

Q: Are interest group leaders expected to speak at one of the webinar?

A: No, they would typically arrange other speakers for one webinar per year. Occasionally a leadership team member will be a speaker, but that's not an expectation.

Q: Once the call for leadership ends, when will people be informed?

A: AMPO staff will contact everyone in October, and their terms will begin in January of 2024.