

AMPO Call for Leadership FAQ (frequently asked questions)

Question: Who's eligible to serve in a leadership role with AMPO?

Answer: Staff from an MPO that's a member of AMPO are eligible. Roles with the MPO Leadership Folder are open to MPO leaders (Executive Director, Transportation Director or equivalent) only.

Question: Are any in-person meetings required?

Answer: For Interest Group leaders and the Leadership Roundtable, no, all of those meetings are virtual. The Policy Committee and ART (formerly Technical) Committee have in-person meetings at the spring fly-in every year, and also as part of AMPO's Annual Conference.

Question: What's the time commitment for the various leadership roles?

Answer: It's typically between 15 and 20 hours per year, excluding the in-person meetings of the Policy and ART Committees. **More information on time commitment for the leadership roles along with other information is available [here](#).**

Question: What types of volunteer leadership roles are available with AMPO?

Answer: There are spots available for:

- The leadership teams for the Interest Groups, which is where we have the most slots available. [Visit this page](#) to learn more about the Interest groups. We encourage volunteers to serve a year or more with the Interest Groups before applying for the Policy or ART Committee.
- Leadership with the [MPO Leadership forum](#) (open to Executive Directors/Transportation Directors only)
- Members of the [Policy](#) and [ART](#) Committees
- Leadership with the [Intergovernmental Affairs Group](#)
- Leadership with the new Transportation Connections group, which is focused on transportation interactions with housing, economic development, and other areas

Question: Can I apply for multiple positions?

Answer: We ask that you specify the group you're applying for, though if you're interested in Interest Group leadership you can rank the groups you'd like to serve on. We try to find leadership positions for as many people as possible, so if you apply for a role with the Policy or ART Committee and we don't have a spot for you, we may ask if you're interested in helping with an Interest Group.

Question: Who chooses which applicants are selected to serve in volunteer leadership roles with AMPO?

Answer: [AMPO's Board of Directors](#) selects and appoints leaders for the Policy and ART Committees. AMPO staff selects individuals for the Leadership Roundtable and the Interest Groups using factors such as geographic location and MPO size.

Question: When will selected applicants be informed?

Answer: You will hear from AMPO staff in October about a leadership role for the following year. Leadership terms will start in January, though there may be an orientation meeting prior to that.

Question: What are the terms for each of these roles?

Answer: Interest Group leaders serve for one year, and can serve multiple terms. It's the same with the MPO Leadership Forum. Policy, ART and Intergovernmental Affairs members serve three-year terms, and can be re-appointed for additional terms as well. The length of terms for Transportation Connections leaders is still to be determined.

Question: Should I apply even if I don't have a lot of experience at an MPO?

Answer: Yes! AMPO looks for volunteers with varying levels of experience to create balanced teams. We also take into account factors such as geographic diversity and MPO size. There are emerging professionals positions on the ART and Policy Committees for people with fewer than eight years of experience in the MPO world.

Question: Can multiple people from the same agency serve as AMPO leaders?

Answer: Yes! We avoid having multiple voting members from the same MPO on the Policy or ART Committee together, but many MPOs have multiple staff members serving across the various leadership opportunities at AMPO.

Question: That all sounds great! How do I apply?

Answer: [Click here to fill out the application](#)! They're due on Aug. 24.