

Meeting the Candidates

During the convention, delegates will be asked to choose the ANSA Board of Directors for next year. It is an important task and choosing qualified officers is vital if ANSA is to continue to grow. Time has been provided for delegates to meet with the candidates. In addition, the campaign headquarters will be open at other specified times for any member to meet the candidates.

The credentials of all candidates on the slate and those running from the floor are available for inspection by the delegates. The binders cannot be removed from the Campaign Headquarters but will be made available to view when Campaign Headquarters is open.

To help both delegates and others who will be talking to candidates, the Nominating and Elections Committee has developed the following guidelines for assessing and interviewing a state candidate. They are designed to help you make maximum use of your time while interviewing the candidates.

1. Start early. Find out who the candidates are and be able to recognize them on the first day of the convention.
2. Assess how the candidates conduct themselves in a variety of settings. State Officers will have much contact with fellow ANSA members and the public.
3. Visit each of the candidates at the opening of Campaign Headquarters. Hear what the candidates have to say and assess what they can potentially do for ANSA.
4. Be familiar with the candidates' applications.
5. Don't ask them to recite their goals if they have a handout you can take.
6. Ask the candidate about their unique approach to the job rather than to repeat the job description.
7. Ask the candidates questions related to ANSA.
8. Limit your questions to 5 minutes.
9. Offer your moral support to all candidates. Many hours of preparation have been put into each campaign and if elected their work has only just begun.