



National Latina/o Psychological Association

Asociación Nacional de Psicología Latina

Candidate Endorsement Policy¹

The National Latina/o Psychology Association (NLPA) recognizes that the NLPA may be requested to provide its endorsement of candidates for leadership positions in other professional organizations, such as the American Psychological Association. In endorsing a candidate(s), the NLPA values candidates who have been or are currently involved in furthering the well-being and mental health of Latinas/os as well as the vision and mission of NLPA (www.nlpa.ws/bylaws). The following endorsement policy outlines the process for consideration of endorsement requests by candidates who have been nominated officially for leadership positions:

1. Eligible candidates are defined as those individuals who have obtained formal nomination through the organizational nomination process. Upon request, the NLPA President will send a copy of this Candidate Endorsement Policy to the candidates who have been nominated officially. Following their official nomination, candidates must request consideration of endorsement to the NLPA President, preferably no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the voting procedure.
2. The NLPA President will notify candidates that they will be asked to provide the following materials for consideration: a) a copy of their vita, b) candidacy statement for leadership position, and c) a completed response to the following questions (no more than two pages total):
 - i. Briefly state your current or past involvement with NLPA and how your involvement has served to further the mission, activities, and values of the NLPA.
 - ii. Briefly describe the importance of NLPA's endorsement in your campaign.
 - iii. If elected, briefly discuss how your presidential initiative(s) might further the well-being and mental health of Latinas/os as well as the vision and mission of NLPA.

Completed materials must be received by the NLPA President preferably no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the voting procedure.

3. The NLPA President will present all candidate requests (including completed materials) to the membership seeking input and rankings. Members will have one week to provide input and ranking. Endorsement preference (#1 ranking as the top ranking) from members will be collected by the Secretary and aggregated results will be presented to NLPA's Leadership Council (LC) for final endorsement. The ranked list of candidates will then be distributed to the membership via NLPA communication outlets (e.g., listservs and the NLPA Bulletin) for their information in their voting decision. The LC reserves the right not to endorse a candidate(s) whose endorsement request is presented for consideration as well as the right not to rank order endorsed candidates.
4. Following a vote by the LC, the NLPA President will contact candidate(s) to inform them of the LC's decision.
5. At its discretion and to maximize the impact of its endorsement, the LC may employ multiple strategies and venues to publicize its endorsement(s).

¹ Adopted by NLPA's Leadership Council on 7/3/2014.