

**Association of Thai Professionals in America and Canada**  
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**2010 Board of Directors  
ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

As the term of the Board of Directors of the Association of Thai Professionals in America and Canada (ATPAC) came to an end on September 30, 2009, with the approval of the amended By-laws, the current ATPAC President, Dr. Vichate Ungvichian has appointed three (3) members of the Association to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee shall serve with its function to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors to represent 5 regions. On March 31, 2010 he appointed the following members to serve on the committee:

1. Ms. Usa Ungsunan (Chair)  
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2. Dr. Witoon Prinyawiwatkul  
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3. Dr. Sirivatch Shimpalee  
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This announcement is to advise that the following positions must be filled:

- (1) Director, Eastern Region
- (1) Director, Western Region
- (1) Director, Northern Region
- (1) Director, Southern Region
- (1) Director, Canada Region

You are requested to suggest to the Nominating Committee potential candidates for the above positions. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, you may nominate yourself by notifying your intention in writing to the committee chair. In any case, candidates must be regular members or life members of ATPAC and must submit a short biography along with a statement of their goals, altogether not more than 200 words. After an interview process, this information may be printed or emailed together with the ballots to all voting (paid) members of ATPAC. It would be helpful to determine the potential candidate's willingness to serve before suggesting his/her name. It should be pointed out that all members of the Nominating Committee will not seek nomination.

Please be advised that the candidates of Board of Directors should know the duties and responsibilities of this position stated in the 2010 ATPAC By-laws article V as follows:

**ARTICLE V**

**Board of Directors**

**Section 1:**

**Election and Number.** *The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members, representing the five (5) ATPAC regions as defined at the end of this document. (See the full details of the By-laws in the ATPAC Website) Members of the Board of Directors shall be nominated by a search committee and elected by the Members.*

**Section 2:**

**Qualifications.** *A director shall have at least ten years of professional experience after graduation and at least five years of ATPAC membership.*

**Section 3:**

**Term of Office.** *Each member shall serve four years with a staggered two year term.*

**Section 4:**

**Chairperson.** *The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by its members. The President shall serve as a non-voting member and give reports at board meetings.*

**Section 5:**

**Duties.** *The Board of Directors shall have the following duties:*

- 1) *To oversee the officers in the performance of their duties as prescribed in the By-laws.*
- 2) *To set the policy governing all business affairs of the Association to achieve its objectives.*
- 3) *Any member of the Association can attend any meetings called for by the Board of Directors.*

The 2010 election schedule is as follows:

<b>April 25</b>	<b>Deadline for receipt by the Chair of the Nominating Committee of nomination and suggestions.</b>
<b>April 26-30</b>	<b>Candidate interview by the Nominating Committee.</b>
<b>May1</b>	<b>Ballot packet emailed to the voting (paid) members.</b>
<b>May15</b>	<b>Deadline for returned ballots to be received by the Chair of the Nominating Committee.</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Report to the Board of Directors of the election results.</b>

Office terms for all the above positions shall begin in June 2010.

**In order to continue our on-going activities and regular functions that would be beneficial to Thailand, ATPAC needs a strong leadership, a good vision and an active executive. The Nominating Committee hopes to receive your nomination suggestions by April 25, 2010.**

**ATPAC 2010 ELECTION COMMITTEE**

**Usa Ungsunan (Chair)**

**Witoon Prinyawiwatkul**

**Sirivatch Shimpalee**