

# GET INVOLVED

Make a Difference Through Committee Participation





# Make an Impact

Hundreds of neuromuscular (NM) and electrodiagnostic (EDX) experts volunteer their time and expertise to serve on a variety of AANEM, ABEM, and ANF committees and task forces each year. These volunteers make it possible to achieve our mission to improve the quality of patient care and advance the science of NM diseases and EDX medicine.

Get involved this year to build meaningful connections with other members, immerse yourself in the latest science, and make an impact in the NM and EDX community.

#### **Abstract Review Committee**

As a member of the Abstract Review Committee, you will help spotlight groundbreaking research that advances NM and EDX medicine and play a vital role in engaging current members, attracting new researchers, and positioning AANEM as a leader in cutting-edge science.

#### **Key tasks:**

- Reviews and ranks abstracts to determine acceptance or rejection. This work will take place between the abstract submission deadline March 15 and April 15 each year.
- Decides on annual abstract awards.
- Provide input on abstracts for the President's Research Initiative Award.
- Review and revise the Guidelines for Submission/Evaluation of Abstracts, including deadlines.
- Evaluate and provides feedback during poster sessions.

Meets online. The commitment is approximately 10 hours per year.

#### **Abstract Review Subcommittee**

As a member of this group, you will ensure a fair and thorough abstract review process for members and potential members by reviewing and ranking abstracts. This work will take place between the abstract submission deadline March 15 and April 15 each year.

Commitment is approximately 10 hours per year. Work is conducted via an online system.

#### **APP Education Committee**

As a member of the APP Education Committee, you will drive membership growth among APPs by creating meeting sessions and educational resources that empower APPs to excel in NM medicine.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment is approximately 10 hours per year.

# Clinical Publications Review Committee

As a member of the Clinical Publications Review Committee, you will ensure that AANEM's educational monographs and clinical expert perspectives remain relevant, high-quality, and engaging. These resources are highly valued by AANEM members—from trainees to late-career professionals—as essential tools for learning, staying current, and improving patient care. Your work shows AANEM's support for members throughout their careers.

#### Key tasks:

- Review and evaluate AANEM monographs, expert clinical perspectives, and Suggested Reference List to determine if revisions are needed.
- Recommend new topics and authors for monographs and clinical perspectives to address evolving member needs.
- Draft 2-3 sentences about new materials highlighting the value of the publication to readers to help the AANEM staff with marketing efforts.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 1-3 hours per month (dependent on number of assignments).

# **EDX Lab Accreditation Grading Subcommittee**

As a member of the EDX Lab Accreditation Grading Subcommittee, you play a vital role in promoting excellence in patient care by reviewing accreditation applications to ensure EDX laboratories meet and maintain AANEM's rigorous standards. You will also help identify educational opportunities based on peer review findings and support AANEM's commitment to high-quality care, attracting and retaining members.

Committee Time Commitment: 12 hours per year.

#### **EDX Self-Assessment Examination Committee**

As a member of the EDX Self-Assessment Examination Committee, you will develop self-assessment examinations that help residents, fellows, and practicing physicians assess and enhance their EDX skills. Your work will support lifelong learning, attract new members, and strengthen AANEM's role as a leader in EDX education.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional committee time commitment: 5-7 hours per month (dependent on number of assignments).

#### **Education Committee**

As a member of the Education Committee, you will identify critical EDX and NM medicine topics and produce high-quality, enduring educational materials to help establish AANEM as the go-to source for continuing education beyond residency and fellowship. In addition to developing resources, you will collaborate with other committees by providing ideas that align with their expertise. Your work on the committee boosts member retention and recruitment by providing key resources for physicians and other allied health professionals that improve their care of patients.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting and occasionally meets at the spring meeting, time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours per year.

# Membership & Ethics Committee

As a member of the Membership & Ethics Committee, you will help boost member satisfaction and growth by enhancing the overall member experience. Through ethical oversight and valuable feedback on AANEM offerings, you ensure the organization remains responsive to members' needs.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Review AANEM's marketing efforts to align with member interests and goals, providing feedback on products, services, pricing, distribution, promotion, website, and overall member experience.
- Identify opportunities to attract new members and retain existing ones.
- Conduct member complaint reviews following AANEM Disciplinary Policies and Procedures.
- Evaluate ethics resources for CME renewal and recommend the creation of new CME when needed.

Meets annually at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 5 hours per year.

# Neuromuscular Pediatric Physicians Committee

As a member of the Neuromuscular Pediatric Physicians Committee, you will help strengthen AANEM's presence in pediatric rehabilitation and NM medicine. By developing strategies to attract pediatric PM&R specialists and child neurologists, and identifying their unique educational needs, you will collaborate with other committees to create tailored resources that enhance AANEM's value and relevance in this critical area of medicine.

Meets annually at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 5-10 hours per year.

#### NM/MSK Self-Assessment Examination Committee

As a member of the NM/MSK Self-Assessment Examination Committee, you will develop a NM self-assessment exam (SAE) and review materials that help residents, fellows, and practicing physicians evaluate and refine their skills. You will also create focused mini-SAEs on NM and MSK topics to engage a wide range of AANEM members. Your work ensures that AANEM offers valuable resources and demonstrates the professional value of AANEM membership, helping to attract new members and retain existing ones.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 5-7 hours per month (dependent on number of assignments).

#### Science News Editorial Board

As a member of the Science News Editorial Board, you will help deliver timely and relevant scientific insights to your peers. You will identify and summarize important scientific articles helping members stay informed of relevant research, strengthening AANEM's resources, while staying current with the latest developments in NM and EDX medicine.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Review articles in journals and identify important newsworthy items.
- Write article summaries (250-300 words) to include in AANEM publications.

Meets yearly at the AAENM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the meeting is approximately 16-20 hours (meets quarterly).

#### PM&R Engagement Committee

As a member of the PM&R Engagement Committee, you will help bridge the gap between PM&R physicians and AANEM. By aligning educational resources and advocacy efforts with their needs, you'll encourage EDX utilization, highlight NM career opportunities, and strengthen the connection between PM&R physicians and AANEM.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Recommend the creation of educational materials and meeting sessions tailored to PM&R physicians.
- Collaborate with external organizations, such as AAP and AAPM&R.
- Advocate for the inclusion of EDX in PM&R practice through targeted initiatives.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the meeting is approximately 5-10 hours per year.

#### Podcast Editorial Board

As a member of the Podcast Editorial Board, you will help produce engaging and insightful content on NM, MSK, and EDX topics playing a key role in driving member engagement and expanding AANEM's reach.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Collaborate to identify and invite experts for interviews and conduct interview.
- Review existing podcasts to ensure content remains current, relevant, and beneficial to the medical community and beyond.

Meets quarterly through zoom. Commitment is approximately 1-3 hours per month via email (dependent on number of podcasts).

## Practice Issues Review Panel (PIRP)

As a member of the Practice Issues Review Panel, you will contribute to the development and dissemination of clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements that improve the quality of care provided by EDX and NM physicians. Your work advances AANEM's educational mission while playing a key role in supporting membership growth and retention by delivering trusted, high-value resources.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 10–12 hours per year (more if PIRP Committee member assigned to PIRP Taskforce).

# Professional Practice Committee (PPC)

As a member of the Professional Practice Committee, you will help ensure AANEM members have the resources they need to navigate ethical, legal, and practice-related challenges. By reviewing and creating educational position statements, you will strengthen AANEM's ability to support its members, enhance member satisfaction, and drive membership growth.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting and the spring meeting. Additional commitment outside of the spring and annual meeting is approximately 12 hours (Chair of Committee 2-4 hours per month).

# **Program Committee**

As a member of the Program Committee, you will help create a high-value, inspiring annual meeting that educates and connects attendees. By reviewing session proposals and shaping the meeting's content, you'll contribute to a standout experience that supports member recruitment and retention and attracts new attendees.

Meets yearly online. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 10 hours.

# **Program Director Committee**

As a member of the Program Director Committee (PDC), you will support Training Program Directors (TPDs) by enhancing NM and EDX medicine, and ultrasound (US) training. Your work will improve trainee education, strengthen the AANEM Training Program Partnership (TPP), and promote program director membership and engagement. You will also help develop sessions for the AANEM Annual Meeting to meet ACGME professional development requirements, guide the creation of fellowship training resources, and collaborate on initiatives to expand the NM medicine workforce. Your contributions will shape the future of NM education and ensure high-quality training for the next generation of specialists.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the meeting is approximately 5-10 hours per year.

# Quality and Patient Safety Committee

As a member of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee, you will provide actionable strategies that help improve patient safety and care quality. By reviewing Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) for CME renewal and developing quality and patient safety resources, you'll deliver tools that support and highlight the value of AANEM membership.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting and spring meeting. Additional commitment outside of these meetings is approximately 8 - 12 hours per year.

# Recognition for Fellowship Committee

As a member of the Recognition for Fellowship Committee, you will play a pivotal role in ensuring AANEM-recognized fellowships provide comprehensive, high-quality training that benefits both practitioners and patients. Through these efforts, you'll strengthen AANEM's reputation for excellence in NM and EDX medicine education, while attracting and supporting the next generation of specialists.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Review and evaluate fellowship applications for AANEM recognition.
- Make decisions on approving or denying applications based on established criteria.
- Update and refine the required components of the NM and EDX fellowship curriculum to maintain AANEM standards.
- Recommend changes to curriculum requirements based on evolving needs and practices.
- Provide reports on application outcomes and curriculum recommendations to the AANEM Board.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the AANEM Annual Meeting is approximately 10-15 hours per year since this is a new program.

# State Liaison Program

As a member of the State Liaison Program, you will advocate for policies that support NM and EDX medicine and promote quality patient care. State liaisons build relationships with legislators and payers, providing expert insights that influence decision-making. Through participation in AANEM's Annual Day on Capitol Hill—whether in person or virtually—you will help ensure the voices of physicians and patients are heard, strengthening the foundation for better healthcare policies.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting and for 48 hours in Washington, D.C. (Sunday-Monday) in the spring for a Day on Capitol Hill. Additional commitment outside of meetings is 4-8 hours and includes some virtual congressional visits and/or email correspondence.

# Technologist Education Committee

As a member of the Technologist Education Committee, you create educational resources and meeting sessions strengthening AANEM's value to technologist members and help grow technologists' engagement.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 15 hours per year.

#### **Ultrasound Committee**

As a member of the Ultrasound Committee, you will develop cutting-edge US educational resources and meeting sessions that enhance expertise in US techniques. Your work ensures that professionals looking to stay at the forefront of NMUS see AANEM as their go-to resource for innovative learning and career development.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 4 hours per year (Chair of Committee - 10 hours per year).

# Workshop Committee

As a member of the Workshop Committee, you will develop hands-on, practical workshops that make AANEM's Annual Meeting a can't-miss event. By creating these unique learning experiences, you'll enhance meeting attendance, attract new participants, and deliver exceptional value to members.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 5 hours per year.

# Young Leadership Ambassador Program

As a member of the Young Leadership Ambassador Program, you will help early-career medical professionals discover the resources and opportunities available through AANEM. By promoting AANEM's offerings within your training programs and peer networks, you'll foster stronger connections between trainees and the organization, highlighting the value of membership, and building a foundation for future engagement.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Promote AANEM's resources, especially the Training Program Partnership (TPP), to colleagues and peers.
- Actively participate in quarterly engagement activities and other AANEM initiatives.
- Engage regularly on Trainee Connect to foster community and share insights.
- Provide feedback and collaborate with AANEM and the Young Leadership Council.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting, Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 2-5 hours per year.

For more information and to apply, visit the Young Ambassador Program page.



# Setting High Standards for Quality Medical Care & Demonstrating Professional Accountability

#### **ABEM Continuous Certification Committee**

As a member of the ABEM Continuous Certification Committee, you will develop and maintain high-quality certification questions with clear justifications that support lifelong learning and professional development.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 3-10 hours per year.

#### **ABEM Examination Committee**

As a member of the ABEM Examination Committee, you will play a critical role in developing the annual certification examination. By creating new questions and refining existing ones, you will help ensure a fair and rigorous exam that supports physicians in demonstrating their professional competence. Your work enhances career opportunities for examinees while strengthening the value of ABEM certification and the AANEM community.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 3-10 hours per year.

# **ABEM Technologist Examination Committee**

As a member of the ABEM Technologist Examination Committee, you will create and maintain the Certified Nerve Conduction Technologist (CNCT) examination, ensuring it reflects current practice standards. By supporting technologists in achieving professional certification, you will help enhance career opportunities and attract new technologists to AANEM.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 1-10 hours per year.

## ABEM NM Ultrasound CAQ Examination Committee

As a member of the ABEM NM Ultrasound CAQ Examination Committee, you will develop and maintain the NM Ultrasound (US) Certificate of Added Qualification examination. Your work fosters professional growth by providing physicians with a trusted pathway to demonstrate their expertise in NMUS, strengthening their skills and advancing their careers while growing the AANEM NMUS community.

Meets yearly at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Additional commitment outside of the annual meeting is approximately 5-10 hours per year.

# STRENGTHENING the global effort to CURE neuromuscular disease

#### Research Committee

As a member of the American Neuromuscular Foundation (ANF) Research Committee, you will help review and identify impactful NM and EDX medicine research that advances the fields. Your efforts also support fundraising strategies that ensure ongoing investment in research, highlighting the ANF's critical role in shaping the future of NM and EDX medicine.

#### **Key Tasks:**

- Review research proposals, including those from external funding organizations, and make funding recommendations to the ANF Board of Directors.
- Monitor progress and outcomes of funded projects.
- Evaluate submissions for the President's Research Initiative Award and provide rankings to assist in recipient selection.
- Assist in identifying activities and strategies to increase individual and corporate giving to support research initiatives.

## Committee Process:



#### **Application**

We invite members to volunteer for committee positions at the beginning of each year. We receive many applications, and with limited spaces on each committee, not all applicants are appointed to a committee the first time they apply. If you have multiple areas of interest, consider applying for multiple committees or selecting the "any committee" option to increase the chances of being appointed. If there isn't space on a committee you're interested in the first time, don't be discouraged; apply again next time!



#### Notification

Committee selections are made each summer. If you are chosen to serve on a committee, you will receive an email notifying you of the committee(s) to which you have been invited. You will need to accept or decline the invitation using the link provided in the email invitation. When you accept, if required by ACCME, you will need to complete any necessary conflict of interest information in accordance with ACCME guidelines.



#### **Participation**

Once you accept a committee position, your staff liaison will contact you with further details. Most committees hold their first meeting during the AANEM Annual Meeting, and committee members are expected to attend. You will receive a packet with all necessary materials for this meeting, including agendas and supporting documents. An online system is also available for you to access key documents and participate in group discussions. If the committee does not meet during the AANEM Annual Meeting, you will receive information regarding a virtual meeting.

# Volunteer to Serve on a Committee(s):

Many committee(s) meet during the AANEM Annual Meeting. Please review the time commitment of the committee(s) you are interested in to ensure it fits into your schedule. If you are having difficulty with the online volunteer system, call 507-288-0100 and an AANEM staff member will assist you.

Every effort is made to place members on a committee that will utilize their talents and expertise to the fullest extent. Invitations will be sent in the summer. Please note that if your group meets in the fall at the AANEM Annual Meeting, costs are not reimbursed. If your group meets in the spring, costs are reimbursed by the AANEM.

All committee members must have access to the internet and email to communicate and conduct business throughout the year.



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