



January 27, 2021

Greetings!

As you recall, last April and, again, in September, we reached out to you with a referendum that extended the tenure of the current boards until the end of November of last year and then to the end of March of this year. The purpose of these two initiatives was twofold: 1) the pandemic had imposed conditions that made it nearly impossible to hold elections in a timely fashion and, 2) we were working on revised NPAP bylaws that we originally hoped would be in place by the November 30th deadline.

Liz and I are reaching out to you once again at the behest of the boards who, in consultation with the members of all the committees, have approved a request for a further extension of the terms of the current boards until the end of May 2021.

We deeply respect the democratic process. However, there is simply not enough time under the current extension to accomplish what needs to be done by March 31st. We must inform the membership of the proposed changes, allow for a review process, and hold elections. To do so in an orderly way with sufficient time to think and discuss will require two more months. For this reason the Board is asking for another extension of the term to May 31 at which point the election will have been held and the new Board will take over as of June 1st, 2021.

As before, voting will be electronic [via the database](#). Voting instructions are at the conclusion of this announcement.

In February, the Boards will submit to you, the members, a proposal to vote, once again, on the merger of our two organizations. Our lawyers have advised us that each of the previous votes in favor of a merger are too old for the State of New York to respect them as valid.

At this time we will also present to you new bylaws that will govern the new organization, along with a plan for implementing the new structure even in advance of New York State approval. Our *pro bono* lawyers have informed us that if the membership approves the merger and the new bylaws, there is a way for us to operate as the new entity even before the State of New York has signed off on it.

Thus, we are asking all of you to vote on the referendum to extend the terms of the current boards until the end of May 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz and Peter  
*she / hers and he / his*

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**Deadline** for receipt of your vote(s) on the referendum is **Wednesday, February 10**, at Midnight!

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After you log into the NPAP database you will find on your main menu a button for "Referendum to Postpone Association Elections".

### Main Menu



Clicking on those buttons will take you to a screen to record your vote.

#### Referendum

Regarding the Postponement of NPAP Association Elections

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**I vote in favor of this proposal.**

Yes  No

If you are also a dues paid member of the Institute, you will also find a button for "Referendum to Postpone Institute Elections".

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To log onto the NPAP database use the manner you usually do or click on this link: <https://db.npap.org:8443/npap/>

Use your database ID (initial of first name and full last name e.g., SFreud, 12 characters max) and your **new** password. As you may or may not be aware, NPAP members are required to create a new HIPAA compliant password. The instructions for doing so are easy and will appear when you login. **When asked for your original password, use the temporary password (NPAP+npap) not your previous personal password.**

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Thank you,

The Boards of NPAP

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