

# NASBLA National Boating Education Standards Panel

## Application Frequently Asked Questions

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### **How do I know which interest category to choose?**

The five interest categories, designed to ensure representation among stakeholders, are described in the Panel Rules (Part IV paragraph 11) and a table in Part II of the online application. If you think your expertise, employment, and interests legitimately place you in more than one category, then select as many as you believe apply to your situation. However, to ensure there is balance on the Panel in accordance with the Rules, the NASBLA Executive Board will make the final determination as to your category placement.

### **I am a state agency staff person. To be eligible and apply for the Panel, do I need my Boating Law Administrator's (BLA's) approval and recommendation?**

Some Panel activities will be conducted on business days, during traditional work hours. If you are employed by an agency, organization, or company, you should follow work policies and, as required, seek your supervisor's approval before you apply. However, your application to the Panel does not require a recommendation from your supervisor, and in the case of state agency personnel – unlike membership on NASBLA policy committees – does not require a recommendation from your state's BLA.

Remember that while the Panel is designed to ensure balanced stakeholder representation, appointment to the Panel is an individual appointment, not an agency, organizational, or corporate appointment. In conducting Panel business, members function as individuals, not as agents of any organizations with which they are associated or employed.

### **I am a member of a local marine patrol unit. Do I need my BLA's approval and recommendation?**

As a member of a local unit, while you would select the "State Boating Agency" interest category (along with any other interest category or categories that might apply to your individual situation), your application does not require a recommendation from your state's BLA. See previous question for more guidance.

### **Can I submit my application and resume by e-mail?**

We ask that you submit your application and upload the requested documents using the centralized online application form. The PDF version of the application form that is available for download should only be used as a guide, not as a document for submission via e-mail. If you are having problems with your submission, please contact [Ron Sarver](mailto:ron@nasbla.org) (ron@nasbla.org).