

Date: May 20, 2026

Board Candidate Name: Stefanie Pontlitz

Interviewee Names: April Hill, Esq AAAPP Board Member
Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director

Tell us a little about yourself including what other Board Experiences you have had.

I have lived in Pasco County for most of my life. My parents were very active in the community, so I have been involved in the community all my life. I started my work life in Jacksonville, Florida at a non profit. Up until last year, I was the CEO of Lighthouse for the Blind.

I sit on several Boards, I am past president of Pasco Junior League, past president of Leadership Pasco, will be joining the Trinity Chamber of Commerce Board as Secretary.

Seniors are very important to my husband and I.

My other career is as a financial advisor and I now am helping my husband with his financial advisory firm and most of our clients are seniors.

If you've had any positive and/or negative Board experiences, please share those with us.

When you have an engaged board member to call and get guidance, get support of the Board. Important to read the board agenda and handouts. I know how important it is to review the financials and be comfortable to ask questions. As a Board member I have had to sit on a Board and terminate the CEO, exploratory investigation, and keep documents safe. I have also been on Boards where I was excited to come to the Board meeting, do good work and help the organization move forward

What interests you about our organization to consider serving on the AAAPP Board of Directors?

I have some flexibility in my schedule now. I am passionate about seniors – my husband and I both have aging parents and are figuring out those caregiver situations. Cost of living expenses for seniors are also rising so I want to give back as much as I can.

Board members bring experience, wisdom, strategic thinking and their rolodexes. Can you tell us about yours and help us achieve our goals?

I have written goals for strategic planning, reviewing By Laws, grant writing experience, are all in my wheelhouse. I have been in the community most of my life. I have many contacts in the community, connecting with people is what I am good at. I think that would be an asset to the agency for sure.

Our Board meets 10 times per year on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9.30am and meetings usually last 90 minutes. There are committees and members are encouraged to sit on at least one. They meet less frequently and are based on need, other than the Finance Committee, which meets 10 times per year on the 1st Thursday of the month. Are you able to make a commitment to attend the monthly Meeting?

I will commit to making meetings in person. I always prefer meetings in person. There is more interaction in person. It is my priority to attend meetings in person.

Are you prepared to make the necessary decisions to ensure a successful organization?

Absolutely. I know sometimes there are hard decisions to make and I am ready to make them.

Are you willing to share the AAA story with your world (and vice versa)

Absolutely, one hundred percent. I want to spotlight the AAAPP and all that we do for services and giving.

Would you have any conflicts of interest?

I don't believe any of the agencies I am a part of get funding from AAAPP.

Do you have any questions for us?

Stefanie asked if there is a financial commitment? April Hill responded: No, none at this time but we have an annual luncheon and we have board members who give personally, give from their companies or seek support from friends and colleagues. Some Board members buy tickets and invite friends who are able to give. If a Board member is called to give, they are welcome to do so. There is no pressure to give and yet most board members do.