

Guidelines for ATI Sponsors

The ATI membership has approved (2007 and 2008 AGM) the following requirements and recommendations.

Requirements to become a Sponsor:

1. The sponsor applicant must find three ATI members in good standing who will nominate the applicant to become a Sponsor.
2. All nominators must have personal knowledge of the applicant.
3. Sponsor applicant must hold an ATI teaching certificate.
4. All Sponsor applicants need to be involved in ATI in some way before applying, i.e. be on a committee, attend a few Annual General Meetings, or in some way be familiar with the work of ATI.

Strongly recommended before becoming a Sponsor:

1. One nominator must be a current Sponsor.
2. The length of time teaching the Alexander Technique before applying to be a Sponsor needs to be at least seven (7) years.
3. During these seven (7) years, the Sponsor applicant needs to be actively using the Alexander Technique – suggest around an average of fifteen (15) hours of lessons or classes per week or teaching equivalent.
4. Sponsor applicant should have been an ATI member for three years.

Sponsor Election:

1. Sponsors are elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. Ballots for the election are sent out to all ATI members no later than six (6) weeks (set by Admin Asst. and CCC Chair) before the AGM.
3. Members who cannot attend the AGM may vote by sending in their ballots to the ATI office, sent electronically or post marked no later than three (3) weeks (set by Admin Asst. and CCC Chair) before the AGM.
4. Members attending the AGM will vote at the AGM.
5. Sponsors are elected by receiving votes totaling sixty percent (60%) of the members voting at that AGM plus the returned ballots. E.g., if there were sixty (60) members

voting at the AGM and thirty (30) returned ballots, the candidate would need fifty-four (54) “yes” votes.

6. Sponsors are elected for a five-year term which begins at the AGM when they are elected and end five (5) years later on December 31st.
7. Although Sponsors do not have to attend an AGM to be elected, it is strongly recommended that they do attend an AGM, either before they apply or the year they apply to become a Sponsor.

Re-election of Sponsors:

1. Sponsors are re-elected for five-year terms by a simple majority.
2. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend an AGM prior to being re-elected.

Conduct as a Sponsor:

The following requirements and recommendations represent levels of experience and involvement ATI looks for in its Sponsors. We recognize that a Sponsor candidate who does not entirely fit this description may have other experience or qualities that would make them an excellent Sponsor. We expect the candidate or their nominators to describe these in the application.

It is required that:

1. All Sponsors make an independent decision for sponsorship of any individual teaching candidate.
2. All Sponsors fill out a Sponsor Feedback Form (provided by Certification Coordinating Committee (CCC)) once every two years to be submitted to the CCC.

It is strongly recommended that:

1. All Sponsors provide the candidates they review with a Candidate Feedback Form (provided by CCC). Both the Sponsor and candidate retain copies of the form if the candidate files a formal complaint about the sponsorship process. The Candidate Feedback form is submitted with the complaint.