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The ASPCP is dedicated to exploring the relation between philosophy, counseling and psychotherapy and to promoting increased awareness and appreciation of philosophys' importance to the concerns and issues affecting our everyday personal and professional lives.

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## ASPCP Policy Statement

Executive Committee

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Dear Colleague and ASPCP member:

The recent nomination to the Board of Directors of an individual residing and working outside of the Americas has raised an issue of policy requiring clarification.

The Society's Constitution stipulates that membership in the Society is open to "Any person ... subject to such stipulations as the Society may enact, provided that no stipulations shall reflect ethnic, religious, political, sexual or philosophically sectarian considerations."

The Constitution does not further specify eligibility requirements for Members of the Board of Directors. However, it has been taken as understood and is hereby officially promulgated that membership on the governing board (Board of Directors) of the American Society for Philosophy, Counseling, and Psychotherapy shall be limited to American members of the Society.

It is not the intent of this policy to be overly exclusionary. Any otherwise appropriately qualified member of the Society residing and working in North America shall be eligible for nomination to Board membership but those whose primary place of work/residence is outside of the Americas shall not. Similarly, the office of any Board Member emigrating beyond the Americas shall be considered vacated.

In name, intent, character, and charter, the American Society for Philosophy, Counseling, and Psychotherapy was founded as an American society. This does not mean that it is uninterested in encouraging, engaging in, or even sponsoring broader international dialogue on issues of common interest. It does mean, however, that as an American society, membership on its governing board shall be limited to and representative of appropriately qualified members of the Society in America.

Nothing in the promulgation of this policy should be construed as implying anything concerning an evaluation of the qualifications, professional status, or reputation of any Board Member or Nominee, past, present, or future, nor anything regarding requirements for general membership in the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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