

## JOAG - Call for Nominations for Voting Members

The Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) requests nominations for 8 open positions for Voting Membership for the 2022-2024 Fiscal Years.

JOAG is the voice for junior officers in the Commissioned Corps, and is responsible for advising the Surgeon General on matters that affect junior officers. Voting Members serve as the leadership of this organization. Each category is represented by one Voting Member with an additional 11 at-large members for a total of 22 Voting Members. The JOAG Executive Committee is elected from within the Voting Membership. Current Voting Members select incoming Voting Members based upon published criteria. The Voting Membership term may be one or two years and begins on October 1st.

If you know a motivated and dedicated junior officer, please encourage them to self-nominate for the following open slots:

Engineer  
Environmental Health Officer (EHO)  
Health Services Officer (HSO)  
Therapist  
At-Large (4 openings)

Requirements: For a 2-year term you must be an active duty junior officer (T-04 and below) and you must **NOT** be eligible to pin-on T-05 (Commander) prior to July 1, 2024. For a 1-year term you must be an active duty junior officer (T-04 and below) in the Dentist, Dietician, Therapist or Veterinarian category and you must **NOT** be eligible to pin-on T-05 (Commander) prior to July 1, 2023 and **NOT** eligible for a 2-year term. Any officer eligible for a 2 year term must apply for a 2 year term.

If you wish to have your eligibility checked in advance of submitting a nomination, please contact your agency liaison with your name, rank, and PHS Number to ask for an eligibility check.

For questions or to submit nominations for Voting Membership, contact Voting Membership Co-Chairs, LCDR Mavis Darkwah [Mavis.Darkwah@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Mavis.Darkwah@fda.hhs.gov) and LT David Burnett [David.Burnett@ihs.gov](mailto:David.Burnett@ihs.gov).

Nominations are due no later than **March 23, 2022**.