

**American Balint Society representation to the International Balint Federation**  
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The American Balint Society (ABS) recognizes the importance of supporting the international community of Balint work through the International Balint Federation (IBF), and ensuring regular representation at IBF Council meetings. Additionally, the ABS has a goal of having an ABS member elected to an IBF officer position. Therefore, the ABS has the following policy to promote representation in the IBF:

An ABS representative to the IBF Council shall be designated by the ABS Council on a biannual basis. Candidates for this position should be preferably an ABS officer or, where none is interested, an ABS Council member, in order to ensure regular communication between the two bodies. Candidates should be willing to attend IBF Council meetings regularly, and the ABS agrees to partially support travel up to \$900 annually. This amount is consistent with that provided by the IBF, and is suggested to be composed of \$500 from the annual budget and \$400 from reserves.

Candidates should also be willing to run for IBF office at the earliest opportunity when it is deemed they are likely to be successfully elected. If the ABS representative is successful in attaining election as an IBF officer, they shall remain the ABS representative for the term of their IBF office, and their travel support by the ABS will reduce to \$500 annually, since the full cost of travel is not reimbursed by IBF.