

Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 Requirements

APA California Board members who are public employees in the State of California are required by law to file a Form 700 with the FPPC for any travel/lodging reimbursements provided by the Chapter for any APA California Board meetings. APA California is a 501 (c)(6) and because the Chapter covers these expenses at Board Meetings (with a limited exception for Section Directors at the annual conference), these reimbursements are reportable.

From the FPPC website (<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>):

Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest, also known as the Form 700. The Form 700 provides transparency and ensures accountability in two ways:

- 1. It provides necessary information to the public about an official's personal financial interests to ensure that officials are making decisions in the best interest of the public and not enhancing their personal finances.*
- 2. It serves as a reminder to the public official of potential [conflicts of interest](#) so the official can abstain from making or participating in governmental decisions that are deemed conflicts of interest.*

For a direct link to the Form, please go to:

[http://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/TAD/Form%20700/2019-2020/Amendments Form 700 2019.20%20IA.pdf](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/TAD/Form%20700/2019-2020/Amendments%20Form%20700%202019.20%20IA.pdf)

For more information about the requirement, please go to:

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Helpful information in the FAQs:

42. Q. An official serves as a board member for two organizations – one has a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and the other has a 501(c)(6) tax-exempt status. The organizations pay the official's travel expenses to attend board meetings. Must the official report these travel payments?

- A. Under the Act, travel payments provided to an official by a 501(c)(3) organization are exempt from the definition of "income" and therefore, not reportable. However, travel payments from other organizations, including a 501(c)(6) organization, are likely required to be reported. Designated employees must report such travel payment if the organization is reportable pursuant to the official's disclosure category in his or her agency's conflict of interest code.*