

New Chapter/Branch Officer Oath of Investiture

As outgoing President of the [(name) Chapter/Branch] of EAPA, it is my honor and pleasure to install the new [Chapter/Branch] Officers for a [x] year term, beginning [date].

You can take great pride in being elected to be a [Chapter/Branch] Officer. By [electing/appointing] you to this position, your fellow members have shown faith and trust that you will enhance the strength and vitality of our Association by your committed and positive service on behalf of the [(name) Chapter/Branch]. As an Officer, you are given an important trust *and* significant responsibilities and duties. Under the law, you have a fiduciary duty to your chapter/branch, along with legal duties of care, loyalty, and obedience. The Duty of Care requires you to be reasonably informed, participate in [Chapter/Branch] decisions, and exercise independent judgment. The Duty of Loyalty requires you always to act in the best interests of the [Chapter/Branch]. The Duty of Obedience requires you to act in accordance with the [Chapter/Branch] by-laws and to ensure that [Chapter/Branch] funds are used for lawful purposes.

Please raise your right hands.

Do you sincerely and solemnly promise that you will uphold and administer the offices to which you have been [elected/appointed] to the best of your ability and judgment; that you will fulfill your fiduciary duty as an EAPA [Chapter/Branch] Officer, including the duties of care, loyalty, and obedience; that you will faithfully adhere to the EAPA Code of Ethics; and that you will safeguard and promote the purposes of EAPA, the [Chapter/Branch] and the welfare of its members, always keeping in mind that you represent all the members of the [(name) Chapter/Branch]?

New Officers answer by saying, “*I so promise.*”

I now declare you to be [(name) Chapter/Branch] Officers. I extend to each of you my congratulations and best wishes for a most successful term.