

**OPTN Nominating Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
Conference Call**

**Matthew Cooper, M.D., Chair**

## **Introduction**

The OPTN Nominating Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 09/21/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Update on Recruitment and Outreach, Final Rule Compliance
2. Vice President/President-Elect Ballot
3. Minority Transplant Professional Ballot
4. Treasurer Ballot
5. At-Large/Patient and Donor Affairs Ballots

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

### **1. Update on Recruitment and Outreach, Final Rule Compliance**

Matthew Cooper, Chair, welcomed the committee to their meeting. UNOS staff reported on the ongoing recruitment and outreach initiatives, which will continue through the end of the call for nominations on September 30. The Committee then reviewed the board structure requirements of the Final Rule. Of the 8 positions the committee is working to develop ballots for, they will need to add two MD representatives and 5 patient, donor, or family representatives. The committee discussed a variety of different ways to structure the ballots that will ensure Final Rule compliance. They referenced these scenarios as they considered and selected nominees.

### **2. Vice President/President Elect Ballot**

The committee continued their review of Vice President potential nominees by discussing the results of phone outreach to top nominees identified on September 11. In their deliberations, the committee considered a variety of factors, including volunteer and leadership experience with the OPTN, strength of application, diversity, and Final Rule compliance. The committee selected two final nominees.

### **3. Minority Transplant Professional Ballot**

Prior to the September 21 meeting, committee members conducted phone outreach to top nominees for Minority Transplant Professional. The committee re-reviewed the list of top applicants with the additional information that had been gathered through phone conversations and selected a final ballot pairing for Minority Transplant Professional.

### **4. Treasurer Ballot**

In preparation for the September 21 call, committee members reviewed volunteer interest forms from applicants with skills, backgrounds, and experiences relevant to serving as Treasurer. Based on this list of applicants, the group selected a group of top nominees to receive additional outreach from the committee.

## **5. At-Large/Patient and Donor Affairs Ballot**

Before reviewing applicants for Patient and Donor Affairs positions, the committee reviewed the Board of Directors Needs Assessment and Final Rule compositional information. Members also discussed the importance of considering nominees from diverse backgrounds. The committee will spend additional time reviewing nominees before their next meeting.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- October 9, 2020
- October 26, 2020
- November 3, 2020

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Matthew Cooper, Chair
  - David Mulligan
  - Maryl Johnson
  - Sue Dunn
  - William Hildebrand
  - Suzanne Conrad
  - Amishi Desai
  - Mindy Dison
  - Valinda Jones
  - Joseph Hillenburg
  - Brian Shepard, Executive Director of the OPTN
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Chris McLaughlin
  - Shannon Taitt
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Chelsea Haynes
  - Susie Sprinson
  - Sally Aungier
  - Shannon Edwards
  - Anna Wall