

OPTN Nominating Committee

Meeting Summary

August 4, 2021

Conference Call

Jerry McCauley, MD, Chair

Introduction

The Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 08/04/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Orientation to the Nominating Committee
2. Discuss 2022-2023 Vice President
3. Discuss OPTN Bylaw *3.1: Composition*

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

1. Orientation to the Nominating Committee

Dr. McCauley welcomed the committee to their first meeting of the 2021-2022 year and introduced UNOS staff to present Committee orientation. UNOS staff explained that the fall meeting series will focus on reviewing and selecting nominees for the 2022 Board of Directors election. Their work will include reviewing volunteer interest forms and conducting phone interviews for potential candidates. The spring 2022 meeting series will focus on the development of the 2023-2024 Board and Committee Needs Assessment.

The Committee reviewed the Final Rule and Bylaws sections that inform Board Composition. The group also reviewed the recommendations from the 2022-2023 Board and Committee Needs Assessment, and focused on the desired qualities, skills, and perspectives for the coming year. Staff shared information about the tools and resources the Committee will be using this fall to review Volunteer Interest Forms.

2. Discuss 2022-2023 Vice President

The Committee will begin their fall meeting series by considering nominees for Vice President/President-Elect. The Committee discussed the specific qualities that are required to serve as Vice President. A committee member noted that it is important to seek diverse individuals who have experience on the Policy Oversight Committee and the MPSC, and that an ideal candidate can approach the role with a national perspective that prioritizes patients. Another Committee member noted the importance of prioritizing the OPTN and considering all viewpoints. A member remarked on the importance of flexibility and the ability to make decisions and identify solutions. Another Committee member commented that a good President should be inclusive and consider all perspectives. The Committee then reviewed a list of all eligible candidates.

Next steps:

Before their next meeting, Committee members will be asked to complete a survey selecting their top candidates for Vice President. The Committee will review candidates as a group on August 24th.

3. Discuss OPTN Bylaw 3.1: *Composition*

The Committee discussed the potential to expand the Nominating Committee beyond the existing 12 members in order to effectively manage an increased workload due to enhancements in the nominee selection and review process. OPTN Bylaws currently limit the Committee to 12 members, and there was support for increasing the Committee to 15 members. A former chair of the Nominating Committee noted that the 3 additional members could be an important enhancement to the Committee and will help manage the work of screening calls and reviewing Volunteer Interest forms. Another Committee member noted that an additional 3 members will add new insights. The Committee will continue to examine this potential Bylaw revision on future calls.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 24, 2021
- September 1, 2021
- September 16, 2021
- September 28, 2021
- October 6, 2021
- October 12, 2021
- October 21, 2021
- November 2, 2021

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Jerry McCauley, Chair
 - Matthew Cooper
 - David Mulligan
 - Maryl Johnson
 - Mindy Dison
 - Laurel Avery
 - Amishi Desai
 - Joseph Ferreira
 - Patrick Healey
 - Melissa McQueen
 - Brian Shepard (UNOS), Ex-Officio, Non-Voting
 - Chris McLaughlin (HRSA), Ex-Officio, Non-Voting
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Susie Sprinson
 - Anna Wall
 - Tina Rhoades