

**OPTN Executive Committee
Regional Nominating Committee Workgroup
Meeting Summary
April 4, 2022
Conference Call**

Ed Hollinger, Chair

Introduction

The OPTN Regional Nominating Committee Workgroup met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 04/04/2022 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Discuss draft recommendations

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

1. Discuss draft recommendations

The Workgroup reviewed and gave input on Regional Nominating Committee (RNC) recommendations.

Summary of discussion:

A member suggested that committee membership should strike a balance between new members, with no OPTN experience and seasoned members who have who have broad OPTN experience. A member noted that no membership on any OPTN committee other than committees related to the Board of Directors (BOD) should consist of only seasoned OPTN volunteers individuals. Another member added that those who have a lot of transplant experience, but no OPTN committee experience should participate in their regional meetings as a prerequisite to get a baseline understanding of how the OPTN policy development process functions. Members agreed that while this regional meeting participation will not be a requirement to become a new OPTN committee member, attendance should be strongly encouraged and used as an indicator of volunteer interest. Members continued to brainstorm ways new members can show interest in participation on OPTN committees.

The Workgroup discussed the varying methods used by regions rotate their nominations, whether that be by state or small subsections within a state. Members agreed that the specific rotation should be left to the RNCs to decide as current regions are heterogeneous and with different population and geographical factors. The Workgroup agreed that historical information about what committee members have volunteered on which committee and when is a helpful tool in meeting committee needs for membership. A member recommended the OPTN provide committee- specific needs to the community so those applying to volunteer could better frame their applications or express that their area of subject matter expertise meet these needs. The Workgroup determined it would be useful to collect data to track applicants that have applied to volunteer with the OPTN multiple times, but not been selected. The workgroup reviewed their recommendation for a 4-6 person RNC and for OPTN staff to ask critical questions about the RNCs support of specific candidates.

Next steps:

These recommendations will be finalized and presented to the OPTN Executive Committee during their meeting on April 25, 2022.

Upcoming Meeting

- As needed

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Edward Hollinger
 - Formica, Richard
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Shannon Taitt
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Anna Wall
 - Kaitlin Swanner
 - Tina Rhoades
 - Susie Sprinson
 - Carrie Caumont
 - Kim Uccellini