

FAQs: Electing OPTN Board Officers

This Frequently Asked Questions provides an overview of the OPTN Board officer election process.

1. What OPTN Board officer positions are up for election?

The OPTN Board of Directors includes five officer positions, all of which will be elected in the 2025 election cycle:

- President
- Vice President
- Vice President of Patient and Donor Affairs
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Although the election for vice president of patient and donor affairs and secretary have historically occurred during even-numbered years, all officer positions will appear on the ballot due to this year's election of a Board comprised of all new members. In 2026, the positions of vice president of patient and donor affairs and secretary will appear on the ballot for the OPTN Board of Directors, along with the positions of president and vice president, to realign with the OPTN Bylaws, which specify that the secretary and vice president of patient and donor affairs are elected in even-numbered years. The treasurer is elected in odd-numbered years and will appear on the ballot again in 2027.

All five officers automatically serve on the OPTN Executive Committee. The rest of the Executive Committee will be voted on by the incoming board once they are seated and will adhere to the required composition requirements.

2. When and how will the Board officer election take place?

Incoming OPTN Board members will indicate interest in running for Board officer positions by June 12, 2025, and submit candidate officer-interest statements. The incoming OPTN Board members will then review the statements and vote to determine which candidates appear on the national ballot.

OPTN members with voting privileges will have the opportunity to cast their votes on the final slate during the national OPTN Officer and Runoff Election taking place June 20–26. An instructional email will be sent on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025**, containing detailed voting instructions, a link to each candidate's officer-interest statement, and a secure link to the voting form.

- **Voting Opens:** Friday, June 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. ET
- **Voting Closes:** Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET

3. Can Regional Councillors serve as officers?

Due to the distinct responsibilities of Regional Councillors—such as representing and coordinating regional activities—if a Regional Councillor is elected to an officer position, their associate will step into the Regional Councillor role on the Board. A regional election will then be held to fill the resulting vacancy in the associate seat.

Because this succession increases the total number of Board members, it could impact the required Board composition, which mandates that at least 25% of members be patients. To maintain this balance, only one regional councillor may be elected to an officer position on the 2025 OPTN Board without reducing patient representation below the threshold.