

**OPTN Nominating Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 1, 2023  
Webex**

**Richard Formica, MD, Chair**

## **Introduction**

The Nominating Committee held a closed session via Webex 09/01/2023 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Welcome
2. Medical/Scientific Society Nominee Process
3. Candidate Review Format

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

### **1. Welcome**

Rich Formica, Chair and OPTN Vice President, welcomed the committee and walked them through the agenda for the meeting.

### **2. Medical/Scientific Society Nominee Process**

The College of American Pathologist (CAP) proposed that the committee consider a change to the current Histocompatibility representative nomination process. Currently, the Nominating Committee accepts 1 nominee from the American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) and 1 nominee from CAP that then run against each other on a contested ballot. CAP requested the committee alternate between CAP and ASHI nominees annually for 1 Histocompatibility representative to run on an uncontested ballot. The committee heard both Cap and ASHI's position on the Histocompatibility representative election process and discussed which pathway would make the Board stronger. The committee came to the consensus that they would like to think about the discussion and make a final decision in their next meeting.

#### Next steps:

The committee make a final decision around the Histocompatibility Representatives nomination process in their next meeting.

### **3. Candidate Review Format**

UNOS staff reviewed the upcoming Board vacancies with the Committee. The Committee was asked to discuss the applicant spreadsheet they have received and identify any gaps in perspective. After discussion, the committee identified three areas of focus for additional recruiting prior to the close of the Call for Nominations on September 15, 2023. A committee member mentioned the Excel commands they use to make the spreadsheet easier to review. The committee discussed the ability to sort and filter in multiple ways in order to compare applicants. The committee decided an Excel job aid would be helpful for those that are not in Excel on a daily basis.

#### Next steps:

UNOS Staff will send an updated final applicant report after the Call for Nominations closes as well as a job aid for tips to download and interact with the spreadsheet.

## Attendance

- **Committee Members**
  - Colleen McCarthy
  - Dianne LaPointe Rudow
  - Erika Demars
  - Jennifer Lau
  - Jim Sharrock
  - Luis Hidalgo
  - Maryjane Farr
  - Nicole Hayde
  - Richard Formica
  - Valinda Jones
  - Wendy Garrison
- **HRSA Representatives**
  - Adrienne Goodrich Doctor
  - Vanessa Arriola
- **UNOS Staff**
  - Anna Messmer
  - Sally Aungier
  - Susie Sprinson
  - Tina Rhoades