

Sequoia Board Elections

Background Information & Process



Context for Board Transition and Elections

- The existing Sequoia Project board oversaw the corporate restructure in 2018 and continued for one year transition period
- Elections now required to fill all Sequoia board seats according to the new size and composition requirements

Board Overview

- Board of Directors Role
 - The Sequoia Project board serves a critical role overseeing and guiding the organization's strategic direction regarding Sequoia's work related to Interoperability Matters, the ONC TEFCA Recognized Coordinating Entity, and other projects
- Board Meetings
 - The board meets virtually every other month and in person 1 or 2 times a year (HIMSS Annual Conference and Sequoia's Annual Meeting)
- Board Terms
 - 1-3 years, starting 1/1/2020

Sequoia Board Size

- 13 voting directors elected by Sequoia Members
- Up to 4 voting at-large directors selected by the sitting board
- Unlimited number of government liaisons
- Unlimited number of non-voting directors who have specialized expertise or experience

Sequoia Board Composition (Minimum and Maximum)

Stakeholder Perspectives	Minimum	Maximum
Provider organizations / clinicians across the continuum ¹	1	4
Health information networks (HINs) ²	1	3
Vendors	1	3
Health Plans	1	2
Consumers	2	2
Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) / accelerator projects	1	2
Governmental liaisons	Not specified	Unlimited

¹ Healthcare provider organizations and/or an organization or individual who represents the interests of physicians or other clinicians (e.g. health systems, clinics, physician practices, pharmacies, other care settings, physicians, other clinicians)

² HINS (e.g. national networks, regional/state HIEs, other types of HINs)

Key Responsibilities

- Govern The Sequoia Project as a organization
- Oversee and advise regarding strategies to assure the financial health and continued growth of the organization
- Assure that The Sequoia Project initiatives are sustainable and continue to grow and innovate
- Advise regarding the strategic direction in a rapidly changing health IT space
- Help position The Sequoia Project as a leader in the industry
- Serve on a range of Board Committees, such as: Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Strategic Planning, etc.

Qualifications of Nominees

- Nominees for member-elected seats must either be employed by or under contract with the member organization
- Given the increasingly strategic role that board members will play, the ideal candidates should meet the following set of experience and skills:
 - Should be a senior-level executive within the organization
 - A minimum of 10 years' experience in the health IT industry or similar industries
 - Extensive knowledge of health IT field, in particular interoperability
 - Experience in developing or advising regarding a corporate strategy
 - Deep insights into the health IT market dynamics, and the role that a successful public-private collaborative can play in advancing nationwide interoperable data sharing.
 - Ability to participate in a minimum of 80% of The Sequoia Project board calls and to actively engage in at least one Board committee

Sequoia Board Election Process

- The Sequoia Board Nominating Committee is overseeing the nomination and election process in accordance with the bylaws
- Key Milestones:
 - **November 29, 2019: Deadline for submission of nominees**
 - Early December 2019: Committee meeting to review slate of nominees
 - December 2019: Election of new Board members
 - January 2020: Onboard new Board members; officer elections
 - At Large Directors will be elected/appointed by the new Board
 - Current At Large Directors will remain until successors are named

Submit Nominations

- Deadline: November 29, 2019
- Questions: Board@sequoiaproject.org
- Complete online application at:
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/TheSequoiaProject1/TheSequoiaProjectBoardOfDirectorsApplication2019>