

Sequoia Board of Directors

Board Overview & Election Process



Sequoia Board Election Process

- The Sequoia Board Nominating Committee is overseeing the nomination and election process in accordance with the bylaws
- Key Milestones:
 - **Late August:** Announce Call for Nominees
 - **September 10:** Member Nominations Deadline
 - **Mid-September:** Committee develops the slate of nominees
 - **September 30:** Board approved slate of nominees
 - **October 1 – October 29:** Member Elections
 - **Early November:** Announce new board members
 - **November – December:** Onboard new board members; Prepare for Officer Elections
 - **Early December:** Officer Nominations
 - **January 2022:** Officer Elections; At Large Directors Appointments
 - Board votes to approve slate of officers
 - At Large Directors elected/appointed
 - Current At Large Directors remain until successors are named
 - Committee membership established

Board Composition and 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
 - 3 years, starting 1/1/2022

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 a member organization taking into account the composition requirements of the board.
- Given the increasingly strategic role that board members will play, the ideal candidates should meet the following set of experience and skills:
 - Significant 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
 - Experience working on Sequoia or Interoperability Matters committees or work groups
 - 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

Nomination Application Questions

1. Organization Name
2. Which of the following best describes the stakeholder group of your organization? (select all that apply)
 - Provider organizations / clinicians across the continuum
 - Health information networks (HINs)
 - Vendors
 - Health Plans
 - Consumers
 - Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) / accelerator projects
 - Other: _____
3. Contact Information:
 - Name
 - Email
 - Title
 - Phone
4. Describe your experience in the health IT field and how this relates to the mission of The Sequoia Project.
5. Describe your experience participating in a consensus development process.
6. Please attach a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae (CV), as well as any other information that you would like the Nominating Committee to consider in evaluating your application.

Nominations

- Deadline: Friday, September 10, 2021 (11:59pm ET)
- Complete Online Application: <https://sequoiaproject.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>

Questions: Board@sequoiaproject.org