

The Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) Nominating Committee would like to announce a call for nominations for the Board of Directors.

The KHI Board of Directors is charged with executing the Initiative's mission and objectives including:

- providing oversight of KHI operations;
- recruiting and retaining members;
- maintaining scientific oversight to include soliciting, reviewing and approving scientific project proposals;
- fostering awareness of KHI activities;
- identifying opportunities for education; and
- building consensus in the kidney community.

The Nominating Committee will evaluate candidates with a focus on diversity, which includes, but is not limited to, age and experience, ethnicity, and gender. KHI strives to maintain a balanced Board of Directors as it relates to these qualities, but also the stakeholders and members of KHI.

The organizational structure of KHI states that the Board of Directors will include healthcare professionals, patients or patient advocates, representatives from commercial entities, and government liaisons. Health care professionals must also be a member of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN). **In 2020, the Board of Directors will be considering candidates that are health care professionals, industry representatives, or members at large with diverse experience in developing new therapies.** The committee is interested in candidates from industry who are currently advancing innovations for the benefit of people living with kidney diseases.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors will be meeting in 2021 by conference call during our regularly scheduled time of the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00pm EST. Any in-person meetings will be determined in 2021 at the discretion and guidance of the ASN leadership. In-person meetings (should they be scheduled) will take place at the ASN Office in Washington, DC. Each member of the Board of Directors is "supported" by his or her sponsoring organization. As such, the KHI member organization is responsible for all expenses (travel, hotel, and incidentals) that are associated with in-person board meetings. In an effort to be as inclusive as possible, the KHI Board of Directors will consider making an exception to this policy if a member organization faces a financial burden.

Selected candidates will serve from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. A new Board member orientation will be scheduled in January 2021, prior to the first meeting of the year. The KHI Board of Directors is currently evaluating and refining their strategy and activities for 2021. In a normal year, new Board members would have joined the KHI Board of Directors for their last meeting of the year in December. Due the limitations of travel, opportunities can be made available for any new Board member who would like to speak with outgoing members of the Board. The current members of the KHI Board of Directors are listed on the [KHI website](#).

Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by a KHI member or individual in the community. Candidates who are nominated are asked to review the roles and responsibilities of the KHI Board of Directors as well as the time commitment and provide consent to the nomination prior to submission.

### **Application Process:**

A candidate or their nominator should send the candidate's CV or resume along with a one-page explanation (no more than 500 words) of the candidate's expertise, relevant experience, and potential contribution to the KHI Board of Directors.

**Application Deadline:**

KHI must receive this application by email to [khi@asn-online.org](mailto:khi@asn-online.org) by **Wednesday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. EST**. KHI will send an email to confirm receipt of the application. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact KHI staff at [khi@asn-online.org](mailto:khi@asn-online.org).

**Conflict of Interest and Commitment Disclosure:**

In accordance with KHI's [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), all candidates must have a current disclosure on file with ASN. KHI staff will confirm this upon receipt of the nomination and contact any individuals who needs to provide or update the information on record.

The Nominating Committee, established by the Board of Directors, will review the candidates and develop a slate for approval by the Board of Directors. If applicable, current Board members are able to express their interest in a second term and that request will be evaluated at the same time as new candidates. In 2020, there are six Board members ending their terms, which includes four Board members eligible for renewal.

If you have any questions about the call for nominations or KHI, please contact

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Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve KHI and the broader kidney community.