



# UICC Board of Directors and President-elect Nomination Process

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What is the composition of the UICC Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors is composed of 16 voting members elected by the General Assembly<sup>1</sup>, including:

- The President, who assumes the Chair of the Board of Directors; and
- The President-Elect, who shall serve as an ex-officio Board member for two years preceding his or her term as President.

### How do I submit a nomination for the UICC Board of Directors?

Nominations should be submitted through the [online form on the UICC website](#).

### Can I nominate myself for member of the Board of Directors and/or President-elect?

No. Self-nominations are not accepted. As per UICC Constitution art.11.5. "The Members of the Board of Directors elected by the General Assembly are elected from among nominations received from member organisations or from third parties."

### Who can be nominated as a member of the UICC Board of Directors and/or President-elect?

Nominees are sought with experience in cancer control and organisational governance in order to contribute positively to the decision-making processes of the UICC Board of Directors. UICC seeks to include Directors with a range of experiences and backgrounds in cancer control in order to enrich discussions and provide different perspectives on overall UICC directions, governance and effectiveness.

### Do nominees have to be part of UICC member organisations?

No. Nominees can be part of other organisations that are not UICC members. Members of the Board of Directors are elected among nominations that are received from UICC Member organisations or third parties.

### Are nominees required to have been previously involved in UICC activities?

Nominees require a sound understanding of the scope, work, and purpose of UICC. They must have a vision with regards to cancer control that goes beyond national boundaries and an understanding of the key global challenges.

Do future Board members represents their UICC Board members serve in their own personal capacity and not as representatives of their respective organisations. The Board of Directors exists to ensure the appropriate operation of UICC on behalf of the entire UICC membership; it is a governance role that carries

fiduciary responsibilities outlined in the UICC Governance Framework. UICC membership comprises cancer leagues and societies; research institutes; treatment centres, hospitals, scientific and professional societies; ministries of health, public health agencies; and patient support organisations.

### Should a nominee have international experience?

Nominees require a global perspective towards cancer control; ready to participate in leading global fora such as the United Nations and the World Health Organisation. They should be comfortable working in global initiatives and in partnership with other organisations in the health field, private sector, and cancer organisations.

### Who elects the Board of Directors and the President-elect?

The Nominating Committee, consisting of UICC President-elect, UICC President, UICC Immediate Past President and two Board members appointed by the UICC Board of Directors, will review all nominations and put forward the slate of candidates to the General Assembly. At the General Assembly, Full members of UICC will elect the Board of Directors and President-elect.

### Are all nominees put forward to the election at the General Assembly?

No, not all nominees are put forward for election. UICC Board has a Nominating Committee – consisting of the UICC President, President-Elect UICC, Immediate Past-President and two Board members appointed by the current UICC Board of Directors – who determines a slate of candidates put forward for election to the members of UICC. A Nominating Committee will review all nominations and put forward the slate of candidates to the General Assembly. The slate is determined to ensure a balance of skills, geography, gender, and cancer control background as well to ensure continuity between current board members and new board members. The Nominating Committee would aim at presenting an appropriate number of candidates to the General Assembly for the 14 positions available for members of the Board and one position for President-elect.

### What commitments does being part of the Board of Directors entail?

Members of the Board of Directors would be requested to attend three face-to-face Board meetings per year. UICC will reimburse economy travel costs for attendees of Board meetings, if the Board Member's organisation does not cover these costs. They should commit to fostering contact with cancer institutions and other health-related organisations and agree to help recruit new UICC members. They are also expected to commit to securing expertise and resources when required. To this end, it is very important that nominees have the support of their employer to be considered for election to the UICC Board as being part of the UICC Board of Directors requires an appropriate allocation of time including the ability to be away from work for board meetings.

### Are the members of the Board of Directors paid?

No. The members of the Board of Directors act in a voluntary capacity and can only be reimbursed for travel expenses.

### What are the next steps of the election process?

Nominations are open until 1 July 2020. A Nominating Committee, consisting of UICC President-elect, UICC President, UICC Immediate Past-President and two Board members appointed by the UICC Board of Directors, will review all nominations and put forward the slate of candidates to the General Assembly. The General Assembly will be held on 6 October and full members will elect the Board of Directors and the President-elect for 2020-2022.

The Nominating Committee will meet in July 2020. Nominees can expect to be notified about the status of their nomination in July. UICC would work closely with the candidates to publicly announce to UICC members their intention to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors or as President-elect.

Before the General Assembly, all UICC members will receive the information on candidates and the candidates are encouraged to seek support from member organisations. The voting procedures will be communicated to the UICC members by August 2020.

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<sup>i</sup> The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of UICC, convened every two years.