FAQS UICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PRESIDENT-ELECT

1. Q: 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.

2. Q: HOW MANY NOMINATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED?
   The number of nominations varies year by year but has been increasing over time. In 2012 we received 70 nominations and in 2014 we received 90 nominations.

3. Q: ARE ALL NOMINEES PUT FORWARD FOR THE ELECTION?
   No. All nominees are not put forward for election. UICC Board has a nominating committee which determines a slate of candidates put forward for election to the members of UICC.

   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 will 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.

   Q: DO NOMINEES HAVE TO BE PART OF UICC MEMBER ORGANISATIONS?
   No. Nominees might be part of organisations that are not UICC members but all nominations must be supported by a UICC member. Members of the Board of Directors are elected from among nominations received from Member organisations or third parties.

   Q: ARE BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR NOMINATING ORGANISATION?
   Nominees elected to the UICC Board 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 and 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.

4. Q: DO NOMINEES NEED TO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN UICC ACTIVITIES?
   Nominees require a sound understanding of the scope, work and mission of UICC. They must have a vision with regard to cancer control that goes beyond national boundaries and an understanding of the key global challenges.

5. Q: 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 Organization. They should be comfortable working in global initiatives and in partnership with other organisations in the health field, private sector and cancer organisations.

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7. Q: WHAT IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE UICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS?
   The Board of Directors is composed of 17 voting members elected by the General Assembly, including:
   
   • The President, who assumes the Chair of the Board of Directors;
   • The President-Elect, who shall serve as an ex officio Board member for two years preceding his or her term as President;
   • The Immediate Past-President, who shall serve as an ex officio Board member for two years subsequent to his or her term as President

8. Q: 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 their effective and travelling expenses.

9. Q: WHAT COMMITMENT DOES BEING PART OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENTAIL?
   Members of the Board of Directors should be committed to attend at least two 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.

10. Q: CAN I NOMINATE MYSELF FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR PRESIDENT-ELECT?
    No. Self-nominations are not accepted.

11. Q: WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS OF THE ELECTIONS PROCESS?
    Nominations are open until 15 May 2016.
    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 will put forward the slate of candidates to the General Assembly where the Board of Directors and the President-Elect for 2016-2018 will be elected.
    The Nominating Committee will meet in June 2016.
    Nominees can expect to be notified about the status of their nomination during the European summer months. 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 General Assembly will elect the new Board of Directors on 1 November 2016 in Paris, France. The meeting of the General Assembly will be held during the 2016 World Cancer Congress in Paris.