



2025 Nominations & Elections

Nominations from the floor are welcome until Monday at 6pm.
Please contact Rolf Brekken or Sheridan Ellis.

President-Elect (& 2026 President)

The President-Elect serves as a voting member of the board and as Board secretary for one year. In the following year, the President-Elect automatically assumes the position of President, functioning both to chair the Board and to lead development of the retreat program. As the Past President, this position completes their three-year commitment as an advisor to the Board.

Current and former Board Directors are eligible for President-Elect position. This position serves a term of three years: president-elect, president and past president.

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Julie Rhoades, PhD

Kathleen O'Connor, PhD

Rajagopal Ramesh, PhD, DBA, AIMBE

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Lawrence Boise, PhD

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Candidates for

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Board Director (2026-2028 term) 2 openings

Board Directors act as the governing voices of CABTRAC and participate in board meetings, committees and programming. Any active academic faculty at member institutions may be nominated for board director. Former Board Directors and past Presidents are also eligible to be nominated for Board Director. This position serves a term of three years.

Candidates for **Board Director 2026-2028**

Steve Kridel, PhD Chair, Department of Cancer Biology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Lisa Harlan-Williams Associate Professor of Education, Department of Cell Biology & Physiology;
Associate Director for Education, The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Julie Rhoades Professor, Department of Medicine, Div. of Hematology Oncology, Vanderbilt University
Medical Center

Scott Dehm Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of Minnesota

Nicki Simone, MD Professor, Vice Chair for Research, DEI and Faculty Promotions, Radiation Oncology
Associate Director, Training and Education Coordination, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center

New Board Seat

Nominations from the floor are being accepted for one new board director for an individual with **administrative-level expertise**. This new seat will serve a 2-year term with full voting privileges with the possibility of one renewal.

Candidate must:

- **Hold at least a Masters degree**
- **Have at least 5 years of relevant experience in educational program and/or curriculum development and a track-record of involvement with trainees**

Candidates for

New Board Director Seat 2026-2027

Amanda Purdy, PhD

Fox Chase Cancer Center

How to Vote

- The election will be conducted using online polling tools. Each Institutional member will receive one ballot, sent to the person indicated as the main membership contact person.
- Voting opens on Tuesday, October 28 at 12pm ET and closes on Friday, October 31 at noon PT.
- Results will be announced on Friday, October 31 by 5pm PT.
- For more information on the process , go to the **2025 Elections** tab at: www.cabtrac.org