



## Joining CoSN's Board of Directors FAQs

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### **What is CoSN, and what does the Board of Directors do?**

CoSN, the Consortium for School Networking, is a professional association dedicated to advancing K-12 EdTech leadership. The Board of Directors plays a crucial role in shaping CoSN's mission and strategic direction.

### **How can I become a member of the CoSN Board of Directors?**

To become a board member, you must be affiliated with a current CoSN Institutional or Corporate membership, be an active and engaged in CoSN's work and express your interest to the Nominations Committee when they issue a call for nominations (typically early Fall). The committee reviews applications and selects candidates who align with CoSN's mission and values. CoSN receives many applications, so do not be disappointed if you are not added to the slate the first time. Most successful candidates have applied more than once. That said, we encourage you to raise your hand and signal your interest in being a national leader.

### **What qualifications are needed to be considered for the Board?**

While qualifications can vary, candidates typically have a strong background in educational technology, leadership in the education sector, a vision for CoSN, experience in nonprofit management and a passion for advancing digital learning in K-12. It is also important to be a highly involved CoSN member nationally and in your state.

### **What is the term length for a Board member, and what are the responsibilities?**

Board members are elected to three-year terms and may run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term. Responsibilities include attending board meetings, contributing to strategic planning, fundraising, and representing CoSN at events and in the education community.

### **How does the nomination and selection process work?**

The Nominations Committee reviews applications and evaluates candidates based on their qualifications and alignment with CoSN's goals. The Nominations Committee weighs a variety of factors including geographical balance, diversity, skills needed on the board and past involvement in CoSN national, as well as our state chapters. The final slate of candidates is sent to the board for approval. Once approved, they will be presented to the membership for a vote.

### **Can I nominate myself, or do I need to be nominated by someone else?**

You can self-nominate or be nominated by someone else who believes you would be a valuable addition to the Board. If you are nominating someone else, we recommend you have the nominee verify all information so we have the best information.

### **What benefits do Board members receive from their service?**

Serving on the CoSN Board of Directors is a rewarding experience that allows you to contribute to the advancement of educational technology. It also provides networking opportunities, professional development, and a chance to make a lasting impact on K-12 education.

Institutional and Corporate organizations who have a CoSN board member on their team find it gives them national profile for their leadership on EdTech. It also helps them understand national trends and opportunities to be a thought leader.

**If elected, what is expected of board members?** The Board is highly engaged and meets face-to-face at CoSN annual conference and typically one other time during the year. The Board also conducts several virtual board meetings each year, and the Executive Committee meets monthly (virtually) - which all board members are invited to attend. CoSN provides travel support to the two face-to-face meetings.

**Are there any specific committees or positions within the Board?**

Yes, there are various committees and leadership positions within the Board, such as Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and committee liaisons. These roles have specific responsibilities and may require additional time commitments.

**Where can I find more information about the Board and the nomination process?**

For detailed information about the CoSN Board of Directors and the nomination process, visit the [nominations page](#) or contact [Me'Shell Sheffield](#) for assistance.

We hope this FAQ provides valuable insights for those interested in joining the CoSN Board of Directors. Your passion for educational technology is appreciated!