

# COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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TO: PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVES, COGR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS,  
DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

FROM: Jim Luther, Chair and Tony DeCrappeo, President

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for COGR Board of Directors – **March 17, 2017 Deadline**

This is a call for nominations to the COGR Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will consider candidates for COGR Board membership and we urge you to assist us by providing nominations. It is one of the most important activities for which we need your help. COGR relies on your active involvement in identifying individuals who will be effective and hard working on behalf of the research community.

As you know, the COGR Board needs expertise, variety, and balance. We need to pay attention to program needs, to public/private balance as well as regional distribution. This is not an easy task. We traditionally draw on individuals who attend and participate in meetings. However, we also reach out beyond this pool to fill special identified needs. In the final analysis, the Nominating Committee selects those individuals who are the best all-around candidates.

Under COGR Bylaws, Board members are appointed to three-year terms, which may be renewed once, to a maximum of six years service. The present call for nominations seeks to fill six positions which will be appointed effective August 1, 2017. Much as the specific expertise of a candidate is important, so is their status and involvement at their home institution. We, therefore, remind you of the selection criteria that will be applied.

## Required qualifications and selection criteria

1. Candidates should be persons who work closely with senior leadership, participate in top-level university-wide policy formulation and decision-making.
2. Candidates must understand the financial and/or research administration and compliance aspects of government sponsored programs and/or have experience with policy development or intellectual property management.
3. The Nominating Committee will consider for membership on the Board only those persons who have demonstrated the willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to be effective members of the Board.

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4. A primary concern is the candidate's effective representation of the institution as an entity. Although the candidate's experience and expertise may be focused, they must understand the institution-wide significance of issues, which traditionally fall within the Council's purview and assist in their resolution.

5. Candidates must have available adequate staff assistance so that in spite of a busy schedule and major responsibility at their home institution they can make a significant contribution to the work of the Council.

6. The nomination package should consist of a nominating letter accompanied by a traditional resume or biosketch of not more than three pages in length with up to one additional letter of support. The package should also include an endorsement from your institution, regarding the commitment of resources and time. This endorsement, from a senior level individual, may be submitted either in conjunction with your application or separately, but must become a part of the application

A complete application should therefore include a brief nomination cover letter, to be provided by yourself or others, a biography prepared by yourself and an institutional endorsement. These materials should be received in the COGR office no later than **March 17, 2017. You are encouraged to submit the application materials electronically to: [trusso@cogr.edu](mailto:trusso@cogr.edu).**

If there are questions, feel free to call the COGR office.