



NAHQ BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE NOMINATION & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer member of the National Association for Healthcare Quality ("NAHQ") Board of Directors ("Board"). This Board of Directors Candidate Nomination and Acknowledgment ("Acknowledgment") is designed to ensure: (i) Candidates are fully informed about the role and responsibilities of a Board member ("Director"); and (ii) NAHQ's Governance Committee's compliance with NAHQ's bylaws ("Bylaws").

By completing the Board of Directors Candidate Nomination and Acknowledgement, you will have a chance to understand the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of the Board. For this reason, you may find it helpful to read through the entire application and Board before you begin filling it out. **Applications are due on September 22, 2026.** Completed applications should be submitted to Grace Wright, gwright@nahq.org.

About NAHQ

NAHQ is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(6) and, more specifically, for the following Tax Exempt Purpose set forth in NAHQ's Articles of Incorporation:

"The purposes of [NAHQ] are to promote the delivery of quality healthcare and to provide leadership in the delivery of such quality healthcare in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible; promote professional ethics within, and facilitate the communication, cooperation and sharing of knowledge among individuals and entities of, the healthcare field; provide mechanisms of communication and education for individuals and health organizations involved in the assurance of quality healthcare; support and advocate actively the interests of patients in receiving quality healthcare and in all other actions affecting their health and welfare; and evaluate the professional and education needs of members of [NAHQ] and to encourage, develop and provide programs of continuing education and educational tools for members and other persons involved in the promotion of quality healthcare."

To summarize, NAHQ advances the foregoing as follows:

Our Purpose

Elevate the profession and advance the discipline of healthcare quality & safety across the continuum.

Our Mission

Set the industry standard for quality & safety and help individuals and organizations achieve it.

Our Vision

Power of Q: Better healthcare quality & safety — and better healthcare — for everyone.



Values

- **Mission Matters:** We believe in the Power of Q – that working relentlessly to improve quality & safety will improve healthcare and lives.
- **Champions for Change:** The healthcare landscape is ever evolving, so to stay at the forefront we must be too. We embrace change, boldly seeking new paths and eagerly taking them to find the best solutions.
- **Knowledge Seekers:** Intelligence is our GPS that guides us in the right direction on our quest for quality.
- **Diverse and Inclusive:** We strive to create a welcoming community where ALL people feel safe, supported and prepared to thrive.

Director Qualifications

- **Active Membership:** Must be an active member of NAHQ at the time of board appointment unless otherwise approved by the board.
- **Leadership Experience:** Must have at least 15 years of experience within a complex healthcare organization in progressive leadership roles.
- **Commitment:** Must be willing to commit the necessary time and effort to fulfill Board duties and a Director's fiduciary duties in connection therewith.
- **Mission and Industry Acumen:** Must demonstrate a strong grasp of NAHQ's mission and vision, healthcare quality and safety, and emerging trends shaping the industry.

As set forth in the Bylaws, the Board, through the Governance Committee, may revise and/or establish new criteria from time to time. Whether Candidates meet the qualifications established by NAHQ is determined by the Board, Governance Committee, or other designated body, in its sole discretion.

Estimated Number of Meetings/Conference Calls

- **Three on-site board meetings** per year, including strategic planning sessions. *Note: On-site meetings may range from 1 to 3 days in length.*
- **Three face-to-face meetings with the CEO** annually (virtual or in-person).
- **Participation in live NAHQ events** and travel to other relevant industry events to represent NAHQ.
- **Additional follow-up calls** as necessary to address emerging issues or opportunities.



Candidate Acknowledgment, Information, and Attestations

By executing the Acknowledgment below, you are expressing your interest and willingness to serve on the Board as:

- ☐ President-Elect, if nominated and elected in accordance with NAHQ's governing documents. You understand that, as set forth in the Bylaws, that the President-Elect upon expiration of their term, shall automatically succeed to the office of President, and the President shall automatically succeed to the position of Immediate Past President for a total of a three-year commitment.
- ☐ At-Large Director, if nominated and elected in accordance with NAHQ's governing documents. You understand that, as set forth in the Bylaws, At-Large Directors: (i) take office on January 1 of the year after their elections occur; (ii) serve a two (2) year term; and (iii) may serve no more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms, except where an individual assumes, or is appointed to fill, a vacancy on the Board.

Candidate Information

Name:			
Current Role/Title:			
Employer:			
Address:			
	City:	State:	ZIP:
Telephone:			
Email:			



Candidate Questionnaire

1. Why are you interested in serving on the NAHQ Board, and how would you advance NAHQ's mission and strategic priorities?

2. What are key issues you see facing healthcare that you believe NAHQ could affect?

3. What limitations might affect your participation on the Board?



Additional Items to Submit with this Acknowledgment:

- ☐ Current CV/resume
- ☐ Complete [COI Form](#)

Attestations:

By executing this Acknowledgment, I attest to and represent the following:

- ☐ I have received, reviewed, and understand NAHQ's governing documents, including, without limitation, the [Bylaws](#) and the [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), and, if elected to the Board, shall abide by the same;
- ☐ I reviewed and understand the duties and responsibilities of the Board (above);
- ☐ I am qualified and willing to serve as a Director;
- ☐ If elected, I will perform the duties and responsibilities of Director to the best of my ability;
- ☐ I understand that some of my Board service will take place during business hours and on weekends;
- ☐ If elected to the NAHQ Board, I am committed to fulfilling the responsibilities of a Director, and understand that I may be asked to step down if I am unable to meet those obligations;
- ☐ I shall complete and return to NAHQ the Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form and [Board Agreement](#) by the due date established by the Board, and, if I fail to do so, I knowingly and voluntarily resign from the Board; and
- ☐ If I fail to participate in two consecutive Board meetings, without the Board's approval, I knowingly and voluntarily resign my position(s).

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions:

Your signed Acknowledgement and submissions are due by September 22, 2026 and should be delivered by email to Grace Wright, gwright@nahq.org. Newly elected Directors will begin their terms in January following their election.