

Election of Board Chair

BACKGROUND

On April 24, 2017, Pat Reser announced her retirement from the OSU Board of Trustees effective June 30, 2017, following three years of outstanding service as the founding Board Chair. Reser's announcement triggered the process for electing a Chair to fulfill the remainder of her term (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) as set out in the Board Officers Policy. In late April and early May 2017, the Board Secretary polled trustees for comments and nominations to the Chair position. The Board Secretary notified nominees, shared the responsibilities and duties of the position, and confirmed whether they were willing to serve.

BOARD SECRETARY FINDINGS

The Board Secretary received the following nominations for the Chair position:

- Trustee Patty Bedient
- Trustee Rani Borkar
- Vice Chair Darry Callahan
- Trustee Kirk Schueler

Each nominee was notified and informed of the responsibilities of the Chair position. All nominees expressed honor and gratitude in being considered for this position.

Trustee Borkar confirmed her willingness to serve as Chair, noting how much she has learned from the exemplary leadership of Chair Reser and Vice Chair Callahan over the last three years and from serving as a member of the Executive & Audit Committee. She also confirmed her ability to commit the required time, given her professional and service obligations. Regardless of the outcome of the Chair election, Borkar shared that she looks forward to devoting more time and energy in service to Oregon and the mission of Oregon State University.

Due to a range of considerations such as availability of time, distance, and other commitments, Vice Chair Callahan, Trustee Schueler, and Trustee Bedient declined the nomination to the Chair position at this time. All three went on to express support for Borkar's election as Chair.

NEXT STEPS

The Board Secretary will report these findings to the Executive & Audit Committee, and the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding the election of the Board Chair.