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To: Members of the Executive, Audit and Governance Committee
From: Jayathi Y. Murthy, President
Subject: Recommendation for At-Large Board Candidate

I am pleased to present my recommendation for the at-large position vacancy on the board. Typically, I would present more than one candidate, but in this case, I have found one individual who not only meets the Governor's priority to bring a regional perspective from the Oregon coast to the board but also meets the board's need for expertise in technology and innovation identified in this committee's needs assessment, as discussed at the October 2024 meeting. The candidate has demonstrated leadership in her field, a record of service and an enthusiastic willingness to serve on the OSU Board of Trustees.

I have enclosed a brief biography. The candidate brings perspectives, experience and skills to complement the board as a whole. As noted, the professional fields represented reflect the committee's discussion of the October 2024 needs assessment, which analyzed present board membership against the composition identified in Section III of the [Board Recruitment and Appointments policy](#).

If the committee concurs with my recommendation, the board secretary will submit the recommended candidate to the Governor's Office of Executive Appointments. If selected by the Governor for appointment, we anticipate confirmation by the Senate in September.

I look forward to discussing my recommendation with the committee.

Julia Phillips
(Retired) Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
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Julia M. Phillips was trained as a physicist, holding a B.S. in physics (William and Mary) and a Ph.D. in applied physics (Yale). After Yale, she spent 14 years as a staff member at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ, performing materials science research focused first on integration of new materials into semiconductor chips and subsequently on complex oxide electronic and magnetic thin films. She then moved to Sandia National Laboratories where she spent 20 years leading science and engineering research organizations supporting the Lab's national security and energy missions, ultimately serving as vice president of research. Her contributions have been recognized by election to the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as well as numerous other honors.



Phillips has continued her professional engagement, focusing on bridging the continuum from fundamental research to societal impact, including the shrinking gap between science and engineering, the cultural divide that often separates “open” science and national security, and building communication channels between the research enterprise, policymakers, and the public.

She was appointed by President Obama to a six-year term on the National Science Board (2016-22) and reappointed by President Biden to a second term (2022-28). She is active in advising the federal government, universities, national laboratories and other organizations; communicating about the state of U.S. science and engineering and its national importance to diverse audiences; and mentoring students and researchers at all stages of their journeys.

Julia moved to Gold Beach, OR in 2015, and quickly became an active member of the community. She chairs the board of the Curry Public Library Foundation, has long served as chair of the scholarship committee and recording secretary of Soroptimist International of Gold Beach, and mentors high school students. She and her husband, John, sing in the 8-voice acapella ensemble Purely Voice. In their spare time, they enjoy gathering berries and mushrooms, and playing flute/piano music. They have two grown daughters, a violinist and a chemist.