

CEDIA[®] Board of Directors Election Guide

CEDIA 2024-2026 Board of Directors Elections & Appointments

CEDIA is the leading global trade association for smart home technology, serving more than 4,000 members and 30,000 professionals from 77 countries, and supports two world-class global trade shows: CEDIA Expo and Integrated Systems Europe.

Help influence the future of CEDIA!

As part of our mission ‘to connect, empower, and champion home technology professionals and businesses that enrich our lives’, we invite all our members to participate in our Board of Director’s Election.

CEDIA has three open seats available for the 2024-2026 term. Employees of CEDIA member integrator companies may be nominated, will be vetted by the Governance Committee, and proposed as candidates for the global membership vote. Employees of companies from other member categories, including trade suppliers and industry-related professionals, may be nominated, vetted, and selected for appointed seats by the Board.

Eligible members will vote on the final slate of candidates during the month of October. Please ensure your email address is updated so that you receive correspondence about the election process.

General Information

- Nominations and elections will be conducted electronically (you may also vote in person, by written ballot, or by proxy if required).
- To participate in the elections, you must be a CEDIA member.
 - If you have let your membership lapse, please visit our [Membership Page](#)

Nominations

The call for nominations will open July 11th, 2023 (10 am EST) and remain open until August 4th, 2023 (8 pm EST).

Important Dates

July 11th – Aug 4th

Nominations open.

August 26th – September 21st

Governance Committee vets nominated candidates and conduct interviews.

October 2nd, 2023

Slate announced to CEDIA members and voting period opens.

October 13th, 2023

Voting period closes at 8 pm EST.

October 16th, 2023

If slate is voted to pass, elected board members are announced.

If slate is voted down, a new slate will be announced.

November 1st, 2023

Governance Committee vets candidates from all member categories eligible for appointment, and the final slate is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.
January 2024

Elected and appointed directors assume office at the first board meeting of 2024.

Overview and Term Limits:

The CEDIA Board of Directors defines the association's vision and identifies its strategic direction. These leaders continually connect with members to ensure CEDIA's strategic principles remain relevant and adaptable to our members' changing needs. The membership elects the CEDIA Board of Directors. Once elected, directors serve a three-year term. Directors may not serve more than two consecutive terms or a total of six years within the past three years, though a director who has served one term is eligible to nominate for a second term.

Eligibility

- A director who has served one term is eligible to nominate for a second term. However, they cannot have served more than two (2) consecutive terms (6 years). If 2 consecutive terms have been held, a candidate must have at least three (3) years' absence from the board before re-applying.
- A candidate who has served one term is eligible to nominate for a second term.
- Must be willing to commit 2-4 hours per week to CEDIA business.
- Must be willing to travel to in-person board meetings, including international travel (up to 3 in-person meetings take place in the US or UK).
- Must complete a candidate acceptance form (link to our form). Please note that your nominee will receive an email from us regarding your nomination of them, requesting that they fill out the form to accept candidacy.).
- May be self-nominated.
- Is an active CEDIA member.

Attributes

Some of the attributes that we are seeking in our candidates to help us create an effective Board of Directors include (but are not limited to):

- Advocacy work (governmental or consumer/adjacent trade outreach)
 - We position the Smart Home industry as essential to homeowners, allied trades, and governments.
- Work in education (creating or teaching)
 - We develop training and resources to share knowledge and raise the bar on smart home integration best practices.
- People work – connection (community building/support)
 - We foster valuable relationships among the home technology community that facilitate growth and last a lifetime.
- Volunteer work – in CEDIA or otherwise
 - A specific desire to serve people.
- Knowledge/involvement in the home technology profession.
- Leadership qualities.
- Strategic thinking.
- Social reach/network.



Nomination Process

ALL MEMBERS NOMINATE
Anyone can be nominated, but candidate must be a CEDIA member

NAME SUBMISSION
Names of nominees submitted during Call for Nomination period. Self-nominations allowed

EMAIL CONFIRMATION
All nominees receive an email asking if they would like to move forward with candidacy

APPLICATION
Nominees are emailed to complete Candidate Application for Election Consideration.

Governance Committee (GC) on Nominations and Elections

REVIEW PROCESS

GC REVIEWS ALL APPLICATIONS

SCORING
Reviewing and scoring all applications from each candidate

FINAL INTERVIEWS
GC conducts final virtual interviews

CANDIDATES SLATED
GC determines one candidate for each position

SLATE ANNOUNCED
Slate is announced to CEDIA members



Election Process

SLATE ANNOUNCED
Slate is announced to CEDIA Members and voting period opens.

VOTE ON SLATE
One candidate per position. Members have one vote to approve or not approve the entire slate of candidates. One vote per member company.

SLATE APPROVED

SLATE DENIED

GC REVIEWS
GC will review candidates and propose new slate.

RESULTS ANNOUNCED
Election results announced.

APPOINTED CANDIDATES
Candidates eligible for appointment to the board reviewed by GC and recommended to the Board of Directors

TAKE OFFICE
Successful candidates take office January 1.

