

NEWS RELEASE

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DETC Announces Call for Nominations to Serve on the Board of Directors

The [DETC Nominating Committee](#) is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations of potential candidates for election to serve on the DETC Board of Directors. The committee is seeking candidates to fill two institution-member positions when the terms for Ms. Judy Turner and Dr. John (Jack) Nill expire on March 31, 2015. Article IV, Section 5 of the *DETC Bylaws* states that the election of directors from member institutions filling expired terms shall be held at the Annual Business Meeting of the Corporation. The two open institution-member terms are for three years and will commence immediately following the elections at the Annual Business meeting.

The Call for Nominations is open now, and will continue until December 24, 2014. Interested candidates are invited to submit their credentials for consideration using the online submission form available at <https://detc.wufoo.com/forms/detc-board-of-directors-nomination-form/>. More information about candidate qualifications and the significant responsibilities associated with working on the DETC Board of Directors is available on the following page.

The Nominating Committee is deeply committed to its effort to identify, recruit, and recommend the highest quality nominees for open positions on the DETC Board of Directors while respecting the rich diversity of educational offerings, culture, skills and experience across DETC-accredited institutions.

ABOUT DETC

The Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DETC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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DETC Board of Directors Candidate Qualifications

Individuals interested in candidacy for the Board of Directors must minimally:

1. Represent a DETC-accredited institution in good standing with DETC as well as with any other accrediting organization or state or federal regulatory agency.
2. Represent a DETC-accredited institution that completed at least one cycle to renew accreditation.
3. Possess at least five (5) years of experience in a senior leadership role (academic or administrative) at a DETC-accredited institution.
4. Possess the capacity to receive, review and evaluate electronically prepared materials prior to and during all meetings and conference calls. The Board of Directors carries out all of its functions using electronically prepared materials.
5. Commit to allocating time for preparations, travel requirements, and full engagement needed for board meetings.

Individuals interested in submitting their credentials for consideration by the Nominating Committee must agree to:

1. Adhere to DETC's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policies;
2. Undergo a background and reference check to include the verification of academic credentials;
3. Be available to travel to Washington DC for an interview with the Nominating Committee on January 15, 2015 (if selected for an interview); and
4. Make every effort to attend the DETC Annual Conference April 19-21, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois.

Commitment to the DETC Board of Directors

Serving on the DETC Board of Directors requires a significant commitment of time to effectively support the DETC mission and the process of accreditation. The annual schedule of activities includes attendance at two (2) three-day accreditation decision meetings per year, participation in typically four (4) conference call meetings per year, and committee work in one or more of the Directors' policy and governance areas. Meetings require significant advance preparation as each member of the Board contributes to accreditation decision-making and good governance. On average, directors spend 15-20 hours per week for three weeks to fully prepare for an accreditation decision meeting. Committee responsibilities require an additional 8 to 10 hours of preparation for conference call meetings or in-person committee meetings. In addition to meticulous preparations, maintaining high standards of integrity, honesty, impartiality, and fidelity to the standards of accreditation are critically important to carrying out the important functions of the board.