

I. NBF Board of Trustees

Board Composition:

The Board of Trustees shall consist of individual members of AABB, representatives of the members of the CORD, a member of the Partners Program, specific representatives from the AABB Board of Directors, an NBF Individual Donor, the Chairs of the two Standing Committees and the Board Chair's appointee. The Board of Trustees shall consist of at least eleven (11) trustees.

- NBF individual donor position. The individual can be nominated or nominate themselves for the position. The NBF contributor is identified by the Council on Research and Development with final approval made by the NBF Board of Trustees and AABB Board of Directors. The individual may or may not be individual AABB members. This position also serves on the NBF Strategic Programming Committee (see committee charges below).

Trustee Responsibilities:

Board of Trustees:

- Routinely monitor the NBF mission and evaluation of progress toward strategic goals and program performance.
- Maintain the financial accountability and integrity of the NBF's finances.
- Annually review the AABB Board of Directors approved budget for NBF's operations.
- Serve as NBF ambassadors promoting foundation involvement among transfusion medicine and cellular therapies constituents.
- Recommend to NBF Research and Education Trust Board of Trustees new grants and programs for funding.
- Bi-annually review the NBF governance policies and recommend necessary revisions to the AABB Board of Directors for approval.
- Annually approve NBF Board composition slate presented by the Council on Research and Development.
- Annually approve the Strategic Programming Committee composition slate presented by the Council on Research and Development.
- Approve the Grants Review Committee Chair position.

Individual Trustees:

- Comprehend and attest in writing to the understanding of NBF Policies and Trustee responsibilities. (Trustee Agreement)
- Stay informed about the foundation's mission, policies and programs.
- Attend Board meetings, respective committee meetings and foundation events. If a Trustee is absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings, the Trustee's position will be terminated.
- Review agenda and supporting materials prior to Board and committee meetings preparing for discussion or vote.

- Solicit sources of funding for the NBF serving as NBF ambassadors promoting foundation involvement among transfusion medicine and cellular therapies constituents.
- Make a personal contribution to support the NBF.
- Foster a positive public image and represent NBF within the community and with key constituents.
- Adhere to all of AABB's policies.

Term:

- All Trustees, except the AABB Chief Executive Officer, shall serve two-year terms with no more than six years of consecutive service. The AABB President and President-elect shall serve a two-year term for the time they hold the AABB President and President-elect positions.
- Appointments will be made at the Board of Trustees meeting held at the AABB Annual Meeting each year. Terms will begin immediately following the Board of Trustees meeting held during the AABB Annual Meeting.
- Members appointed to complete unexpired terms at other times during the year begin their official terms on the Board of Trustees at the AABB Annual Meeting following their appointment.

II. NBF Research and Education Trust Board of Trustees

The National Blood Foundation Research and Education Trust (NBFRET) operates exclusively as a supporting organization of AABB for the purposes set forth below within the meaning of those terms as used in section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided, however, that the Trust shall, subject to the foregoing, engage only in activities in furtherance of the following purposes:

Purposes:

- To fund research, education and training in all aspects of blood banking; transfusion medicine; hematopoietic, cellular and gene therapies; and tissue transplantation;
- To encourage the voluntary donation of blood and other tissues and organs through education, dissemination of public information and research;
- To encourage, through research and education, the most appropriate use of blood, blood components, and blood derivatives;
- To improve the quality of transfusions by encouraging education and research regarding the appropriate means of ensuring the safest transfusion possible; and
- To actively support research and education through its own programs and work with other organizations in areas of research and education in blood banking services.

Board Composition:

The **NBFRET** Board of Trustees (BOT) consists of nine members and the CEO of AABB. Of the nine members are the NBF Chair, an AABB Board representative delegated by the AABB Board, a scientific research member, three public members and three health care industry members. A Trustees' Agent(s) is elected by the members to have the sole (or joint) signature power and authority, subject to the limitations set forth in the Trust Agreement. The role of the NBFRET BOT is to manage the financial stability of the Trust assets.

Trustee Qualifications:

At all times during the duration of the Trust, the Trustees shall consist of the following persons:

- One individual who serves on the AABB Board of Directors (BOD) [or any successor organization] as shall be designated by the AABB;
- One individual who possesses substantial experience in **research** in furtherance of one or more of the purposes listed above (which shall include at least ten (10) years of service in a position involving or relating to such research);
- Three individuals who are representatives of any three organizations in the **health** care industry (including, without limitation, pharmaceutical companies) whose activities are directly or indirectly related to the blood banking community, as determined by the Trustees;
- The Chairman of the National Blood Foundation ("NBF"); and
- Three individuals who are members of the general **public** and not employed by or under contract with AABB Board of Directors, NBF Board of Trustees or any organization in the health care industry (including, without limitation, pharmaceutical companies) whose activities are directly or indirectly related to the blood banking community, as determined by the Trustees.

Trustee Responsibilities:

The role of the NBFRET Board of Trustees is to manage the financial stability of the Trust assets. The Board meets at least four times per year (once face-to-face and three times via conference call.)

Term:

Each position serves a 3-year term with a maximum of 2 terms (6 years).

III. NBF Strategic Programming Committee

Strategic Programming Committee (SPC) develops a comprehensive annual program plan (education / recognition) that reflects the full Board's strategic guidance that aligns with the NBF mission.

Committee should comprise of:

- All contributing CORD members
- All contributing Partner members

- NBF individual donor Board member
- 1 AABB individual member

Strategic Programming Committee Charges:

- Annually develop a comprehensive program plan (education / recognition) that demonstrates NBF's value proposition to industry key stakeholders and funding prospects.
- To annually evaluate existing programming and recommend necessary changes to the NBF Board.
- To introduce innovative educational and recognition programming that increases NBF's value proposition.
- Consider programming logistics with support from the National Office NBF program staff.

Term:

Term is one year and can be renewed for up to six consecutive years. Term begins in October of current fiscal year.