

July 13, 2021

Dear MRS Member:

Thank you for accessing the MRS Election webpage to learn about the 2021 candidates.

The MRS [Board of Directors](#) is the highest governing body of the Materials Research Society, responsible for establishing the strategic goals for the Society, including its meetings, publications, interactions with government agencies, outreach, and cooperative efforts with other professional societies throughout the world. The Board is responsible for development of policies to achieve the Society's strategic goals and to monitor progress toward the goals (to learn more about MRS' strategic plan see the President's Letter in the MRS Bulletin).

The Board is composed of four elected Officers (President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, and Secretary), and 12 to 21 Directors, established by Board resolution. A fifth officer (Treasurer) is appointed yearly by the Board. This year, we will elect a Vice President, (who will serve as President in 2023), and four Directors who will serve three-year terms. The elected candidates will serve terms beginning January 1, 2022.

The Nominating Committee has proposed candidates who have made exceptional contributions to MRS, materials science, and to other materials organizations. The committee has recognized that the successful governance of the Society requires Board members with a wide range of competencies including leadership, governance experience and financial acumen. The candidates put forward represent a diversity of perspectives.

Also this year, members are asked to approve a proposed change to Article III of the MRS Bylaws. The change, approved by the MRS Board of Directors, is outlined on this MRS Election webpage.

I strongly encourage you to vote and influence the future of the Society and the materials research profession. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback regarding the process, you may contact [Michelle Judt](#). Your ballot must be received by 5:00 pm Eastern Time, August 26, 2021, in order to be counted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cherie Kagan', written in a cursive style.

Cherie Kagan
2021 MRS President