

# 2018 Steering Special Election

The Samvera Steering Group announces a Special Election for one seat on the group, set to begin October 15.

In summer 2018, Samvera saw the unanticipated departure of Debra Hanken-Kurtz from Steering, creating a vacancy within the Steering Group.

At this time, Steering is opening nominations to fill this seat.

## Nominees for 2018 Special Election

Please [click to view the list of nominees and statements of purpose](#)

## Term

The elected party will serve for a term to include both the remainder of the coming year, and an automatic roll-over to a three year term following, starting August 1, 2019, for a total of just under four years. This seat is eligible for re-election for a subsequent three year term, should the seat-holder choose to run again in 2022.

Samvera Steering provides a unique opportunity for community leadership and to provide direction to a key effort in the future of memory institutions.

## Responsibilities of Steering

Current work includes:

- Overseeing the implementation of the Recommendations provided by the Governance Working Group
- Establishing a Roadmap Council
- Hiring of Centralized Staff
- Reviewing the Samvera Community and Steering bylaws
- Working to implement a Contributions model in support of the resources requested in Recommendations
- Assessing Governance by end of 2019
- Managing future elections

Those considering running for Steering should review and have the support of their institution for fiscal and time commitments related to the role. Details of the responsibilities of Steering can be found on [the Samvera Wiki](#).

## Requirements for Nomination:

- Nominees must be employed with a Samvera Partner Institution in good standing.
- Nominees must provide a Statement of Purpose describing:
  - Relevant Experience
  - Reason they wish to serve on Steering
- Nominees attending the [Samvera Partner Meeting](#) in Salt Lake City on October 8th, 2018 will be given an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves
- Institutions may not have more than one representative per institution. No candidate may be from an institution already represented on Steering. If more than one candidate is nominated from an institution, the Election Committee will contact the nominees. The nominees will then need to decide which candidate will run.

**To Nominate yourself or another qualified candidate, please visit:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/xDpW9SLGzNoRMoOh2>

## Timeline:

- Nominations will be accepted between September 20 and October 1
- The Election Committee will contact those nominated by a third party to confirm that the nominee will run as a candidate by October 3
- October 5 - Release names of Candidates

- October 8 - Candidates in attendance at [Partner Meeting](#) will introduce themselves
- Election - Open from October 15 - October 26
- Steering Member serves Ancillary Term November 5, 2018 - July 31, 2019
- Steering Member serves full First Term August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2022

**Questions or Comments?**

Please contact the Election Committee  
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