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NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS SOON

2020-2021 Board of Directors Election

The nomination period for the 2020-2021 SATA-IO Board of Directors will officially open on February 3, 2020. Starting then, SATA-IO members may submit nominations for Board of Director positions. This is done by filling out a form that will be made available on Causeway and completing a one-page summary for each nominee addressing the qualification criteria listed below. Members may nominate themselves for consideration.

Directors. Of the six current positions, four of the Directors will remain on the Board from the following companies: Dell, Intel, Microchip and Seagate. The remaining possible Director positions are to be elected/re-elected each year.

Qualifications of the individual nominated:

- Active participation by the individual's member company in the activities of SATA-IO during the past year.
- Clear indication of technical and marketing resources the member company could invest in SATA-IO activities.
- The member company's commitment to producing SATA products and membership at the Promoter level.
- Willingness to meet the additional dues requirements as outlined in the membership agreement.

Further details, including expectations of those individuals nominated for Director, will be made available in February once the nomination period is officially open.

Welcome New Members

SATA-IO is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- **Hunan Goke Microelectronics, Co., Ltd.** - General
 - **Wintec Industries** - General
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Review Period for SATA Revision 3.5 Specification Expected Mid-January

SATA-IO is pleased to announce that the SATA-IO Specification Revision 3.5 is expected to begin a 60-day member review period soon. This specification will include all TPRs and ECNs ratified since the Revision 3.4 release, which is accessible [here](#).

Technical Proposal 086: Fast Fail Has Been Ratified

Technical Proposal 086: Fast Fail has been ratified. This proposal may be found on Causeway at [this link](#).

The proposal defines a new command behavior for the READ FPDMA QUEUED command to standardize the method outlined by the Open Compute Platform (OCP) organization in a paper

amount of time that the device is waiting to service that command.

Thanks to members who provided comments to the Digital Workgroup.

System Interop Test Suite

The Logo Workgroup is pleased to announce that the System Interop test suite was recreated from scratch to create a long term, sustainable and maintainable tool based on a bootable Linux image, eliminating the dependency of DOS boot capability in system's BIOS.

The System Interop test suite is available at no cost for member companies and Approved Test Centers on the SATA-IO Causeway [website](#).

Product Certifications

SATA-IO has certified 8 devices in the last quarter of 2019. For details on these products, please visit the [Integrators List](#) on the SATA-IO website.

To learn more about the SATA-IO Certification program visit <https://sata-io.org/developers/certification-program>.

Please write to [SATA-IO Administration](#) with questions on the Integrators List or Certification program.

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