The nomination period for the 2018-2019 SATA-IO Board of Directors positions is now open!

If you would like to nominate up to two individuals who are employed by a member company for possible nomination, please complete the SATA-IO Board of Directors Nomination Form and return it to SATA-IO via email or fax (503-644-6708) by March 2, 2018.

Per the Bylaws, the SATA-IO maintains nine Directors on its Board. Of these nine, four of the Directors from member companies Dell, Intel, Microsemi and Seagate will remain on the Board. The remaining five Director positions are to be elected/re-elected each year.

All nominations must include a complete one page summary of each nominee using the criteria listed.
Qualifications of the SATA-IO Board of Director Nominees:

- 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.
- Willingness to meet the additional dues requirements as outlined in the membership agreement.

The current Board will select no more than 12 final candidates from the nominations, and include them on the ballot. The SATA-IO members will then be sent an email ballot which will be due back in early April. The results of the election will be announced during the Annual Members Meeting webinar on April 25, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact SATA-IO Administration.

The Annual SATA-IO Members Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 at 2 p.m. (PDT) via webinar. This is a great opportunity for member companies to hear the latest developments and events happening within SATA-IO. Curtis Stevens, president of SATA-IO, will lead the meeting and deliver updates on the organization’s recent efforts and future goals.

A Q&A session with the Board of Directors will immediately follow. We want to encourage members to submit some questions to SATA-IO Administration.
Administration ahead of the call. The Board will pick up to five questions to address during the Q&A if time allows.

## Member Survey

Occasionally SATA-IO conducts a Member survey to gauge member satisfaction, communication preferences, and industry related challenges Members are facing. The information from these surveys helps inform the Board's planning and Work Group activities.

The Marketing Work Group will be sending an email to the survey soon. We would appreciate if you would take 10 minutes to complete the survey. The information you provide will be very helpful.

## New Look/Feel to SATA-IO.ORG Website

The SATA-IO Marketing Work Group is excited to have closed out 2017 with a newly revised look and feel to the SATA-IO website. Thank you to all of the members who provided feedback along the way. If you haven’t had an opportunity to see it, be sure to check it out and let us know what you think!

As part of these changes, we consolidated the members' area with the information on Causeway to eliminate the need for two separate passwords. Members can use their current Causeway password account to access all of member-only documents. If you did not have a Causeway account, you can easily create a new by following this link.

While we understand this may be a minor inconvenience, it will simplify things for you moving forward. If you have questions how to access content on Causeway, please feel free to contact us at SATA-IO Administration.

## Check Causeway Email Settings

We have heard from some members that they had not been getting some emails from the various work groups they joined. To stay up to date on the SATA-IO activities and Work Group information, check your profile settings and work groups' mailing list subscriptions.

## Industry Events - Show Your SATA-IO Pride

Are you exhibiting at an industry event? We need your help inviting others to join
SATA-IO. We would like to send you a small (7.62 cm X 15.25 cm) "Proud SATA-IO Member" sign for your show booth. Each one displays the SATA-IO logo and a QR code and is a great way to encourage other industry leaders to SATA-IO members.

If your company is interested in displaying a small sign in your booth this year, contact the SATA-IO press team.

Start the New Year Right - Participate in SATA-IO

If you are looking for more ways to be involved in contributing to the essential work of SATA-IO, join a Work Group. Contact the Work Group Chair if you would like to participate.

- **CabCon Work Group** - Frank Chu
- **Digital Work Group** - James Hatfield
- **Logo Work Group** - John Calvin
- **Marketing Work Group** - Eric Pickering
- **PHY Work Group** - Chuck Hill
- **Technical Integration Work Group** - James Hatfield

Members in the News

SATA-IO member companies received great press coverage this past quarter. The number of articles and reviews remains a good indicator to the press, analysts, and consumers, about the value SATA technology continues to bring to the storage industry. If your company has a product announcement or press release to share, send a link to the press release to the SATA-IO press team.

**Q4 SATA-IO member press coverage:**

- Toshiba Launches World's First 14TB HDD With Conventional Magnetic Recording
- Toshiba MD06ACA-V Series 3.5-Inch 6Gb SATA 10TB HDD for Surveillance Applications
- Toshiba Announces 10TB NAS-Class Hard Drive
- WD My Passport SSD (1TB) review: Speedy pocket storage
- PC World: WD Blue 3D NAND SATA SSD review: One of the fastest TLC drives you can buy
- Innodisk SATA Server Solutions are Live with Absolute Integration at Supercomputing 2017
- Innodisk InnoRECT 2.5" SATA SSD 3MV2-P - A NEW SSD Solution for Surveillance Applications
- Seagate Launches First Drive For AI-Enabled Surveillance Samsung 850 (Non-Pro/EVO) And 860 EVO
- Seagate: HAMR Next Leap Forward Now
- ADATA Launches IM2S3148 Industrial-Grade M.2 2280 Solid State Drive
- Western Digital Assigned Twelve Patents
- Seagate: Heat Assisted Interlaced Magnetic Recording Next gen HDD technology for areal density growth
- ADATA SE730H External SSD review
- ADATA Ultimate SU900 256GB Solid State Drive
- Seagate Barracuda Pro 12TB review: Speedy, spacious proof that the hard drive isn’t dead
- The ADATA XPG SX950 480GB SSD Review: In Search of Premium
Sandisk Ultra 3D SSD review: Big TLC capacity, fast MLC performance
Western Digital Unveils Microwave-Assisted Magnetic Recording Technology
Toshiba TR200 SSD Review
Seagate BarraCuda Pro 12TB Review
Showa Denko Starts Shipment of 2.5-Inch 1TB Hard Disk Media Platter
WW Historical Record Capacity for HDD: 14TB, by Western Digital/HGST
Toshiba Announces 10TB MG06 Series Enterprise Hard Drive
Western Digital Ships 12TB WD Gold Hard Drives
Toshiba Announces Ultra-Compact 1TB MQ04 Series Hard Disk Drive
ADATA Releases the IMSS314 Industrial-Grade mSATA Solid State Drive