

Executive Steering Committee Elections 2026

Nominee Name: Isabella Choi

Current Position/Title: Senior Director, Business Development

BioMaP-Consortium Member Organization: KBI Biopharma, Inc.

ESC Seat Applying for: Voice of Membership (i.e., Member-At-Large)

Please describe how your background, training, and experience would support your ability to serve in a governance role on the Executive Steering Committee.

Throughout my career in the biopharmaceutical industry, I have developed extensive experience leading cross-functional initiatives, managing strategic partnerships, and aligning diverse stakeholder interests. In my current role as Director of Business Development at KBI Biopharma, I serve as a key liaison between clients, executive leadership, and technical and operational teams to ensure program objectives are met while maintaining transparent and effective communication.

Prior to transitioning into business development, I held a leadership role in Program Management, where I was responsible for overseeing complex development and manufacturing programs, managing timelines and risks, and coordinating cross-functional teams across process development, manufacturing, quality, and regulatory functions. This experience provided me with a strong foundation in governance, strategic planning, and consensus building.

In my current role, I routinely engage with senior leaders from biotechnology companies ranging from early-stage startups to large pharmaceutical organizations. I facilitate executive-level discussions, gather and communicate stakeholder feedback, negotiate strategic agreements, and help develop long-term partnership strategies. These responsibilities have strengthened my ability to represent diverse perspectives, balance competing priorities, and make thoughtful, collaborative decisions.

Serving on an Executive Steering Committee would allow me to leverage my experience in stakeholder engagement, strategic leadership, and cross-organizational collaboration to contribute meaningfully to consortium governance. I am committed to fostering open communication, ensuring member voices are represented, and supporting initiatives that advance the consortium's mission and create value for its members.

Please describe the relevant experience, expertise, and perspective you would bring to the ESC seat you selected.

I bring a unique combination of technical, program management, and executive business leadership experience across the biopharmaceutical industry that would provide valuable perspective to the Executive Steering Committee. Throughout my career, I have worked at the intersection of biologics development, manufacturing, and strategic partnerships, enabling me to understand the challenges and priorities of a broad range of stakeholders across the industry.

In my current role as Senior Director of Business Development at KBI Biopharma, I lead strategic client engagements and partnerships with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies spanning early-stage innovators to large global organizations. I work closely with executive leadership and cross-functional teams to develop solutions that support complex biologics development and manufacturing programs. This role requires balancing scientific, operational, commercial, and regulatory considerations while aligning diverse stakeholder interests to achieve shared objectives.

My previous leadership experience in Program Management has further strengthened my expertise in governance, risk management, and cross-functional collaboration. Managing complex programs across technical and business functions has provided me with a strong appreciation for the importance of transparency, communication, and thoughtful decision-making when representing multiple stakeholder perspectives.

I would bring to the Executive Steering Committee a collaborative, strategic, and member-focused perspective. My experience working across the biologics ecosystem has given me insight into the opportunities and challenges faced by industry partners and the importance of fostering meaningful collaboration to accelerate innovation. I am committed to listening to diverse viewpoints, facilitating constructive dialogue, and contributing to decisions that support the consortium's mission and long-term success.