

Executive Steering Committee Elections 2026

Nominee Name: Stephen Richardson

Current Position/Title: Head of Strategic Partnerships

BioMaP-Consortium Member Organization: EverGlade Consulting

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.

Serving on an executive steering committee requires a solid understanding of the federal funding landscape and OTA consortium structures, as well as the ability to align priorities across industry, consortium members, and government stakeholders-groups that often have different, sometimes competing, interests. My background is built around exactly this. I regularly navigate the federal funding and OTA process, understanding how agency priorities, program requirements, and consortium mechanics fit together, and I work daily to connect industry and member interests with what government stakeholders are trying to accomplish.

That experience means I understand the full picture a governance seat needs to weigh: what members and industry need to succeed, what government stakeholders require to fund and support programs, and how to find alignment between the two so decisions serve the consortium as a whole.

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

As Head of Strategic Partnerships at EverGlade Consulting, I regularly meet with consortium members and companies across the broader biotech and life sciences industry navigating federal funding pathways, where I hear firsthand about their concerns, priorities, and challenges engaging with government sponsors. This gives me an ongoing, up-to-date pulse on member sentiment that I can bring directly to the consortium and other stakeholders, rather than relying on secondhand or infrequent feedback. My earlier work in financial management and cost compliance for OTA-funded awards also means I understand the operational and compliance realities members have to navigate.

I'd bring a combination of technical credibility in the federal funding space, established relationships across industry and agency stakeholders, and a demonstrated habit of regularly surfacing and channeling member feedback-exactly the kind of ongoing liaison function this seat is designed to serve.