

# Organizing Steering Committee

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Source: MIT Sloan Review

#### Understanding the role

The steering committee serving as the hosting panel on behalf of all the stakeholders, reflect the voices from different sides



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### Roles and responsibilities

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. Identify partner organizations;
. Identify potential steering committee members;
. Create a first draft call for contributions (including prize
structure)
. Have some communications capacity
. Administrative and logical aspects of contest
. Identify potential steering committee members;
. Disseminate a call for contributions
. Provide leadership and guidance for the contest;
. Clarify the purpose of the contest and determine the
structure of the contest;
. Provide feedback on the call for contributions;
. Finalize the prize structure

#### Create a Steering or Advisory Committee

- Key stakeholders who have interest
- Civil society, doctors, government officials, private sector, community members
- Multiple fields and disciplines
- Think about gender, geographic representation, underrepresented groups
- Network leaders and influencers
- Include people with the disease



SESH Hackathon Advisor, Dapeng Zhang (Blued) Expertise in tech, gay community organizing, HIV

#### **Steering Committee Function**

- High-level advising and guidance
- Promote the contest
- Serve as judges (optional) or help find judges
- Meet every 1-2 months for a 60minute teleconference
- Volunteer basis
- Reality check



Teleconference Source: Zoom

### Committee Reviews Call for Contributions

- Call to action should be clear
- Start with a simple question
- Tell a story / share a quote
- Provide rules, purpose, timeline
- Specify judging criteria clearly
- Describe prizes generally to excite, but allow for some flexibility
- FAQs, partner organizations



#### Committee decide a prize structure







Official commendations

Generally avoid cash (unless teams)

Mentorship often highly valued





Provide some flexibility

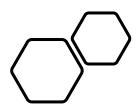
Demonstrate that you care and pay attention to the details





Award winning quilt. Source: Pixabay

Handwritten note



## Thank WMP and all the attendees