

ADWA

E-Bulletin

Alberta Disability Workers Association

For February 14, 2020

2020 Call for Nominations to the ADWA Board

The Alberta Disability Workers Association continues to be YOUR professional association. Our main priority is the promotion and development of a skilled workforce that is respected and fairly compensated. ADWA board directors take an active role in educating the government and advocating for better compensation, educational opportunities and safety of our members. Board members represent ADWA as a voice for disability workers on workforce and service provider councils in some regions and on other advisory groups. When invited, board directors make numerous presentations to various audiences, including students in post-secondary institutions and community organizations across Alberta. Our directors commit to participating in daytime board and committee meetings that work to develop strategies to move ADWA's goals forward. On average, ADWA board director activities require 8-10 hours a month.

Does this sound like something you'd like to do, or a good fit for someone you know? Nominate yourself or another member to the ADWA board. We have a number of seats available to represent all regions across Alberta. The Nominations Committee will review candidates' information to ensure a reasonable match with ADWA's needs.

What ADWA Needs. Your board strives to bring together people with various backgrounds and experiences that benefit our membership in a variety of ways. We encourage those of you with a financial and/or accounting background, those who bring expertise with organizational management as well as those of you with direct support experience to apply. Disability workers fill a variety of roles and support diverse needs. ADWA aims to have that diversity and varied perspectives reflected in conversations at the board table.

The Nominations Committee welcomes candidates from any part of Alberta. The majority of the meetings are on Skype, so limited travel time is required.

Over the next year, your board's main work will include presenting and working with the sector to discuss our efforts to implement a certification process, engagement with government and other stakeholders to further our advocacy efforts and continued work on creating the right infrastructure to support a large membership organization and promoting our professional association and certification throughout Alberta.

Political savvy and connections, strategic thinking skills, policy development, advocacy experience and the time to build healthy working relationships with government and other stakeholders will be beneficial. Your commitment and support to work with ADWA with the above actions is much needed.

What ADWA Offers. Your board includes people with broad skill sets and experience, who are generous in sharing what they have learned. As a result of your involvement, you will gain knowledge about what is happening that affects disability workers, and sharpen your skills in collaboration, political advocacy, member engagement and/or communication, depending on your interests. If you are passionate about the advancement of disability work as a profession, you will find ADWA board membership rewarding.

How to Answer the Call. ADWA members in good standing who wish to be on the board must submit their nomination by **April 12, 2020**. Please include the following information with your nomination:

- Name and contact information (e-mail, mailing address, best phone number to call)
- Reasons why you want to be on the ADWA board
- What you have to offer (summary of your community connections, committee work, government relations / advocacy, as well as your experience and skills).

Forward this information to info@adwa.ca. If you nominate someone else, that person must also send us an e-mail confirming they are willing to have their name put forward for nomination.

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