

Board of Directors – Asthma Canada

Status: Volunteer

Term: 3-Year Term (renewable twice)

Location: Canada-wide

Asthma Canada is a national health charity currently seeking strategic, committed, talented people to join our volunteer Board of Directors.

About Us:

Asthma Canada is the only national charity solely devoted to improving the quality of life for the over 4 million Canadians living with asthma and respiratory allergies. For nearly 50 years, Asthma Canada has proudly served as the voice of all Canadians affected by this chronic disease. We empower patients with evidence-based information, education programs and support asthma research in Canada. Our mission is to help Canadians with asthma lead healthy lives through education, advocacy, and research.

Overview of the Board Director Role:

Asthma Canada is seeking a diverse range of qualified community and business leaders for Director positions on the Board. As a national organization, we are recruiting potential volunteer Directors with a particular focus on individuals residing outside of Ontario who meet the criteria outlined below.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of dedicated volunteers who provide strategic direction to the organization and offer their skill and time to ensure our mission and vision remain the focus of the organization. We are currently looking for new Board members who have one or more of the following skill sets:

- Fundraising
- Executive leadership and management in for-profit or non-profit organizations
- Legal and Privacy
- Marketing and Communications
- Healthcare
- Technology
- Governance

In addition to fiduciary responsibilities, our Board members are champions for the asthma and respiratory allergy community and ambassadors for the organization. Prior Board experience and a personal experience or connection with asthma is not required but considered a strong asset.

Volunteer Time Commitment:

The Board meets 4 - 5 times a year for two hours. Meetings are held virtually and/or hybrid (in-person in Toronto with virtual meeting option). All Board members are expected to attend one in-person meeting in Toronto annually. Directors are also expected to contribute volunteer time to one or more of Asthma Canada's committees or projects, including fundraising and awareness activities.

Director Responsibilities:

- Maintain fiscal responsibility and fiduciary duties as a non-profit Director of the corporation
- Understand and demonstrate a commitment to the organization's vision and mission
- Strategic planning aimed at carrying out the organization's mission
- Attend and actively participate in Board meetings and ad-hoc meetings as needed
- Review agenda and supporting documents prior to meetings
- Offer to take on special assignments pertaining to skill-set and interest
- Make an annual financial contribution to the organization at a personally meaningful level, commensurate with ability
- Leverage connections, networks and resources to develop collective action
- Strictly adhere to conflict of interest policies
- Understand and maintain confidentiality

General Qualifications:

- Available to participate in meetings, meet time commitments, and respond to correspondence in a timely manner
- Demonstrated integrity, high ethical standards, and respect of privacy and confidentiality
- Values consistent with those of Asthma Canada
- Respectful, collaborative team player with the ability to listen to others' views and be open to compromise
- Ability to think strategically and communicate effectively

How to Apply

Please email CV and cover letter to the attention of the President & CEO, Asthma Canada: info@asthma.ca by November 30th, 2023.

While we wish to acknowledge all applicants, only those selected by the Governance Committee for an interview will be contacted.

Asthma Canada values the diversity of its staff and volunteers and the people we serve. Diversity at Asthma Canada means fostering a culture in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated, respected, and responded to in ways that fully develop and utilize each person's talents and strengths. Asthma Canada is committed to making the recruitment process accessible to all candidates. Accommodations for disabilities are available upon request.

For additional information on our vision, mission, values (Client-focused, We Listen, Caring and Compassionate, & Collaborative), and to learn more about asthma and respiratory allergies and Asthma Canada please visit www.asthma.ca.