



Washington State Veterinary Medical Association

Board of Directors Nomination Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Board of Directors for the WSVMA. The Association is always in need of resourceful, energetic individuals who are excited about and willing to commit to serving our mission to advocate for veterinarians and veterinary medicine.

The WSVMA is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are responsible for setting association policy consistent with existing mandates and policies, planning the direction of the Association, conducting the business of the Association, establishing the Association's standing rules, adopting the budget, and evaluating Association activities.

The Board of Directors consists of six (6) voting members including President, Vice President, Secretary, and three (3) directors. In addition, the WSVMA Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer serve as non-voting members.

Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): In addition to the intent to be governed by a diverse Board of Directors in terms of practice type, species, geographic location, employment setting, etc., the WSVMA strives to be governed by a diverse team in terms of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and other dimensions that enhance the leadership of the organization.

Eligibility requirements: Candidates for the Board must be current Active WSVMA members. Qualifications we look for in a potential board member include the ability to think strategically and analytically, possess effective communication skills and carry a sense of vision for the needs of the veterinary profession. Flexibility, open-mindedness and a collaborative spirit are also important when serving on the Board.

Election: In accordance with WSVMA Bylaws, Board directors are elected by eligible WSVMA voting members and may serve up to two three-year terms. Elections are held in August and September with terms commencing in September. The Board elects officers at their first meeting following the election.

Meeting Calendar: Board meeting attendance is required. The Board meets face to face an average of two to three times per year around the state, but mainly conducts business by attending monthly electronic meetings in the evenings along with routine electronic communication. Directors serve as liaisons on standing committees or task forces and may be elected to serve as WSVMA officers. Directors also attend and participate in the Pacific Northwest Veterinary Conference (PNWVC) activities and meetings. New board members will commence their term at the board meeting on the Thursday that precedes the start of the *PNWVC*.

Interested candidates should return this completed form along with a headshot to WSVMA Chief Executive Officer Candace Joy at candacejoy@wsvma.org no later than May 15, 2023. Upon receiving this form, candidates will be contacted by a member of the WSVMA Leadership Development Committee.

Name:

Credentials:

Pronouns, if desired:

Primary Email:

Mobile Phone:

Workplace Name:

Position:

Workplace Address:

Workplace City, State, Zip:

Workplace Phone:

Home Address:

Home City, State Zip:

Please draft a "Statement of Interest" that includes the following information. (*Statements will be used to publicize your candidacy to the membership*): 1) Why you're interested in serving on the Board of Directors, 2) Notable skills and experiences you can bring to the Board, 3) Previous volunteer experience, and 4) Any other pertinent information.

Please provide a biographical sketch of approximately 150 – 400 words. (*Biographical sketches will be used to publicize your candidacy to the membership*).

As a WSVMA volunteer leader, how would you support/demonstrate WSVMA's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion?

In order for us to get to know you better, you may provide additional information:

1. Curriculum Vitae or Resume (must be in addition to biographical sketch).
2. LinkedIn Profile (insert link)
3. Other

Upon confirmation of candidacy, you will be asked to submit a 2-minute video for the purpose of introducing you to the membership.