



MPA Society

Empowerment in Mental Health since 1971

Board of Directors

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MPA is an internationally accredited, award-winning not-for-profit agency. It is a member-driven organization with about 1,500 members all of whom have mental health challenges. For over 45 years, MPA has been inspiring hope and supporting recovery for individuals living with mental illness. MPA provides social, recreational, vocational, advocacy and housing programs that support people in their own communities.

MPA provides services in 10 BC lower mainland municipalities, including a comprehensive spectrum of housing options and a variety of outreach services. The MPA Resource Centre is a large drop-in space located in Vancouver, and provides over 30,000 low-cost meals per year, as well as access to laundry, showers and social-recreational activities.

Our funding partners are Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, BC Housing, BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, BC Ministry of Finance, the City of Vancouver, Service Canada, and the Law Foundation of BC. The MPA Society does not fund raise.

Additional information about our organization is available on our website: www.mpa-society.org.

Description

The MPA Society's Board of Directors is a group of up to twelve volunteers who participate in setting the strategy and overseeing the operations of MPA. The Board is made up of independent directors and members receiving services from MPA.

Duties include:

- Oversight of the organization to ensure that it is managed appropriately and is providing mission-mandated services.
- Consider the membership's needs and viewpoints in decisions.
- Oversee and participate in the strategic planning process.
- Monitor the organization regularly for progress on strategic goals.
- Ensure that the financial position of the organization is adequate and appropriate given the Strategic Plan.
- Oversee the organization's finances.
- Appoint Committees, task forces and work groups as necessary to meet the needs of the Board and the organization.
- Hire the Executive Director and review his/her performance.

Administration Office

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Qualifications

MPA is seeking individuals who are passionate about serving on a volunteer board for a not-for-profit agency, and who are interested in overseeing and improving services for individuals living with mental health challenges.

All applications will be considered, but at this time, we will give priority to individuals who have experience in the following areas:

- Member/lived experience
- Governance and Legal
- Strategic Planning and financial acumen

Previous experience with not-for-profit organizations, in particular as a director, would be an asset.

Length of Term and Time Commitment:

The Board meets about 5 times a year, with additional meetings for Board committees. Directors are expected to be on at least one committee, based on their expertise and/or experience.

Directors can be appointed between AGMs but they will be elected for a two year term at the June AGM. Directors are eligible to be on the board for a maximum of 5 terms (10 years).

To Apply:

Please complete the application form along with a current resume and submit by March 27, 2020 to:

MPA Board Nominating Committee
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The application form is available at:
<https://mpa-society.org/about-mpa/people/board>