

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE NOMINATION FORM

Dear members of the Council of Canadians,

We would like to invite you to consider contributing to your organization by joining the Board of Directors.

We are accepting nominations from members of the Council of Canadians for Director-at-large candidates for election to the Board of Directors.

There is more than one seat available for directors-at-large and the deadline to receive nominations of candidates form is 11:59 p.m. PST on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Directors comprises 16 positions, 12 being directors-at-large selected by the members at the AMM or other means, and 4 regional representative directors chosen by chapter members.

Consistent with the elimination of slates of candidates as recommended by the Good Governance Task Force, the Nominating Committee is mandated to ensure each candidate for director-at-large positions on the Board of Directors has an equal opportunity to be known to potential voters.

For more information, we you may consult The Council of Canadians. (2020) By-Law No. 1.

<https://canadians.org/sites/default/files/governance/bylaws-councilofcanadians.pdf>

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify to serve on the Board of Directors as a Director-at-large, you need only be a member of the Council of Canadians in good standing, and have the endorsement of five other members.

Membership is available only to Canadians and those who reside in Canada who support the vision, purpose, mission and principles of the Council (Council of Canadians, 2020). In addition, the Board requires a \$1 annual financial and/or in-kind contribution by each member.

The Council's vision, purpose, mission and principles are available for your review at

<https://canadians.org/about>.

The ability to make a financial contribution and confirm your agreement with the Council's vision, purpose, mission and principles is available at <https://canadians.org/donate/membership-enrolment>, or by calling toll-free at 1-800-387-7177 to donate by phone.



HOW TO BE NOMINATED AS A CANDIDATE

If you are interested in standing for election, fill-in the Director-at-Large Nomination Form [online](#) or below and return it by email to Christina Warner at cwarner@canadians.org.

The deadline to submit your Nominating Committee expression-of-interest is **11:59 p.m. PST on Sunday, April 28, 2024.**

It's recommended you send an informal email to Christina Warner before you begin the process, so that she can be aware of your intention to submit yourself for consideration. She can provide you with any updated information.

Thank you,

Marie Dolcetti-Koros

Nita Grass

Joey Hartman

Steven Staples

Members of the Nominating Committee

REFERENCES

The Council of Canadians. (2020) *By-Law No. 1*.

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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. Name:
- b. Home address:
- c. email:
- d. Telephone:

2. BALLOT INFORMATION

a. [] I understand that my BALLOT NAME, CITY/TOWN and PROVINCE or TERRITORY and PERSONAL STATEMENT will be shared publicly with members.

BALLOT NAME:

Your name, city and province and personal statement will be provided to members before the election.

b. Name as you would like it to appear on the ballot (Last name, First name):

c. City/town and province or territory as you would like it to appear on the ballot:

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

d. In maximum of 500 words, please express why you want to be elected to the Board of Directors.

This is an opportunity for candidates to present themselves to the membership, highlighting their skills and experiences and the contribution they hope to make to the Council of Canadians in this leadership position. Candidates are encouraged to identify how they may contribute to the Board's diversity representation. The personal statement may include links to a candidate's Facebook site, Twitter account, or a personal website. (If an accommodation is required in preparing a personal statement, please let us know at the email address below.)



3. ELIGIBILITY

Members are Canadians and those who reside in Canada who support the vision, purpose, mission and principles of the Council; and have made an annual financial of \$1 and/or in-kind contribution, as set by the Board of Directors.

a. I am a member in good standing of the Council of Canadians. (Inquiries may be sent to inquiries@canadians.org or by calling toll-free at 1-800-387-7177).

b. I support the vision, purpose, mission and principles of the Council (<https://canadians.org/about>).

Your eligibility, including membership, will be confirmed through an examination of our records before the election.

In accordance with the *Act*, persons are disqualified from being a director of the Council who are:

- i. less than 18 years of age;
- ii. incapable;
- iii. not individuals; and/or
- iv. have the status of a bankrupt.

c. None of the above apply to me.

4. DIVERSITY

In accordance with our By-laws, and consistent with the Council's commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Council endeavors to ensure that the Board of Directors is representative of diversity, including equity seeking groups, and reflects the vision, mission and values of the Council.

I identify as:

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Non-binary
- d. Prefer not to answer

e. Comments or additional information:

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I identify as:

- f. an indigenous person.
- g. Comments or additional information:

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My age is:

- h. 18 – 29
- i. 30 – 49
- j. 50 – 69
- k. 70 +
- l. Prefer not to answer
- m. Comments or additional information:

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Equity-seeking groups are communities that face significant collective challenges in participating in society. This marginalization could be created by attitudinal, historic, social and environmental barriers based on age, ethnicity, disability, economic status, gender, nationality, race, sexual orientation and transgender status, etc. Equity-seeking groups are those that identify barriers to equal access, opportunities and resources due to disadvantage and discrimination and actively seek social justice and reparation (Canada Council for the Arts, n.d.).

- n. I identify as myself as a member of an equity seeking group.
- o. Comments or additional information:

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5. COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATION

If elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, I confirm that I am willing and able to:



- Participate in conference calls, email and other forms of electronic communications as necessary such as Zoom. This commitment will last until the 2024 Council of Canadians' AMM, and include monthly meetings of 1.5-2 hours each.
- Understand and act consistently with my responsibility to the Council and the Board of Directors as a whole;
- Seek and contribute to a consensus-based approach, and speaking with one voice as part of the Board of Directors, except where consensus could not be achieved and there is agreement as to how dissent will be reflected; and
- Be prepared to participate fully in the activities of the Board of Directors, without compensation but with direct expenses (as approved) to be reimbursed.

6. ENDORSEMENTS

Please list five names of Council of Canadian Members who endorse your nomination:

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| a. Name: | City/town and province or territory: |
| Email: | Phone: |
| b. Name: | City/town and province or territory: |
| Email: | Phone: |
| c. Name: | City/town and province or territory: |
| Email: | Phone: |
| d. Name: | City/town and province or territory: |
| Email: | Phone: |
| e. Name: | City/town and province or territory: |
| Email: | Phone: |

Eligibility of endorsers, including membership, will be confirmed through an examination of our records before the election.

SUBMITTED BY

 Printed Name
 typed)

 Signature (if on-line, will be accepted as

 Date



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REFERENCES

Canada Council for the Arts. (n.d). *Equity-seeking groups* [Web page]. Retrieved February 10, 2022, from <https://canadacouncil.ca/glossary/equity-seeking-groups>

