



2017 Call for nominations to the MEAC Board of Directors

Term: The Nominations Committee of MEAC is inviting nominations for an individual to serve as a Board Member for one three-year term beginning October 2017, with the possibility of additional terms.

Qualifications: Board Members are individuals who have an interest in maternity care, the education of health care professionals and in serving the public through participation in the accreditation process of midwifery schools. They should have previous service on community, state or national boards.

Qualifications include the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to make high-stakes accreditation decisions including the following: general understanding of board policy and procedures; respect for the confidential, fair and impartial nature of accreditation decisions; and prior service on a community, state or national board. Specifically, MEAC Board members must be qualified in at least one of the following categories:

- current or recent practitioner (midwife),
- postsecondary educator (clinical preceptor, didactic faculty),
- academic (engaged in postsecondary teaching and/or research)
- administrator (engaged in postsecondary program or institutional administration)
- member of the public (must not be a midwife, or associated with a midwifery school)

Personal characteristics include the ability to: work and make decisions in a close collegial relationship; strive for consensus within a group but take responsibility for actions based on a vote by the quorum; express individual questions and concerns and hear the perspectives and opinions of others; consider information and data impartially and make rational and timely decisions; and communicate decisions effectively in written decision reports. In addition, candidates must be willing and able to serve a three-year term.

Responsibilities: The MEAC Board of Directors has the primary charge of rendering accreditation decisions. The Board is a self-managing group, with clear structure, policies and procedures that support the accreditation decision making process. Board Members have vested responsibility for the accreditation decision-making process. The Board of Directors also contributes to the accreditation policies and procedures, and the revision of professional

standards. MEAC is guided by its own founding principles and mission as well as guidelines for strong education accreditation practice as defined by the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and the U.S. Department of Education.

Board members commit to attend monthly telephone conference calls and one in-person board meeting in the fall of each year; to actively serve as a member of committees or work groups if assigned; and to participate in accreditation training and orientation sessions. Preparation for Board meetings includes review and critical assessment of written reports and accreditation materials. MEAC covers a significant portion of travel expenses for the fall in-person board meeting.

Any individual may make nominations. Self-nominations are encouraged.

How to submit: Please complete the attached nomination form and return as an attached file to: executivedirector@meacschools.org by August 29, 2017.

Sincerely,

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MEAC Executive Director