



MEAC Board Nomination Form

The MEAC Board of Directors is inviting candidates to submit self-nomination forms by April 30, 2019. Responsibilities and qualifications are listed below:

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.

Board members have 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 United States 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.



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MEAC Nominations Committee invites self-nominations to serve as a Peer or Non-Peer Board Member for one three-year term beginning summer 2018, with the possibility of additional terms.

Definition: Peer Board Member means MEAC Member School Administrators and Educators (experience requirements) or Direct Entry Midwives (licensed or credentialed) who are also Higher Education Administrators or Faculty with significant teaching experience at a higher education institution.

Please answer all questions:

Are you applying for a Peer or Non-Peer vacancy? **Peer** or **Non-Peer**

Are you currently or have you been an educator for a MEAC school? **Yes** **No**

Are you currently or have you been a higher educator administrator? **Yes** **No**

Are you a midwifery stakeholder? (**Check all that apply**)

- Recent graduate of MEAC accredited school
- Midwifery employer
- Leader in midwifery profession
- Other

Are you a didactic or clinical midwifery educator? **Yes** **No**

Are you a subject-matter expert? If so, please indicate area? **Yes** **No**

- Lawyer
- Financial expert
- Fundraising
- Accreditation
- Entrepreneur
- Non-profit expert

Please describe your interest to serve on the MEAC Board:



Describe your experience, special skills, or professional training related to higher education administration, faculty roles, or other areas of education:

Describe midwifery practice and education experience (faculty roles, advanced and research/scholarship) not listed above.



Describe background in accreditation and experience.

List professional and personal activities related to the role and function of the MEAC Board not previously mentioned.

List professional or volunteer organizations you currently or previously served on as a member or officer:

Name of Nominee _____
(Print)

Title(s): _____

Affiliation with organization or school _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____