



## **Do You Know Someone Who Would Be a Great WNAA Board Member?**

### **What Board positions must be filled this year?**

- There will be several vacancies on the WNAA Board of Trustees. We are asking Affiliated Welsh Organizations to suggest qualified candidates, who will be presented to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Candidates put forth by the Nominating Committee will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting at the North American Festival of Wales. Trustees serve a three-year term and may be elected for a second term.

### **Who is the ideal Board candidate?**

- There is no ideal Board candidate. Instead, WNAA is looking for capable individuals with diverse skills to complement the current Board and who have the time to dedicate to Board responsibilities.

### **What criteria will the Nominating Committee use to select Board candidates?**

The only requirements of Board candidates is that they are:

- WNAA members and have been a member for at least one year.
- Six trustees shall be residents of the United States west of the Mississippi River.
- Nine trustees shall be residents of the United States east of the Mississippi River.
- Five trustees shall be residents of Canada.
- One Trustee may be elected from Wales.
- In certain cases, a member may be elected from any other region, to fill the vacancy in another region.

### **What do Board members do?**

The Board is responsible for implementing the mission of the WNAA, which includes planning and carrying out the annual North American Festival of Wales.

### **What skills are helpful? To suggest just a few:**

Computer; website and internet knowledge; publicity and marketing; fundraising; event planning; writing skills; graphic design skills; stagecraft; budgeting; membership or non-profit organization experience; negotiating with hotels; problem solving; creativity; Welsh language skills; connections to Welsh musicians, entertainers and instructors; the desire to work inside a group to develop ideas and follow a project through to completion; the enthusiasm for furthering Welsh traditions; the willingness to learn new skills and meet new people.

### **How much time does Board service require?**

- Each member of the Board serves on at least two committees and should therefore be available to participate in regular committee work and respond to communications.
- This is a working position. Board members actively work in committees by email, phone, Skype etc. throughout the year to plan and organize the NAFOW events.
- Board members must be willing to invest time in preparing for, and thoughtfully participating in, Board meetings.
- The Board meets twice a year at the NAFOW venue location, but is in contact by email on a regular basis between in-person meetings.
- Board members are encouraged to attend the NAFOW and the Mid Year Meeting.
- Board members must be responsible for hotel and travel expenses in connection with Board meetings, including the NAFOW. These expenses are deductible charitable contributions.

### **May I recommend myself?**

Yes. WNAA members may recommend themselves for the Board of Trustees by following the same procedures they would use in order to recommend someone else.

### **How do I recommend a candidate?**

If you know of an individual who meets the Nominating Committee's criteria, and who might be willing to serve on the WNAA Board of Trustees, please ascertain their willingness and, if so, have them sign the Nominating Form.

Please complete the Nomination Form and mail it to: **WNAA International Headquarters, PO Box, 1054, Trumansburg, NY 14886, or email it to: [IHQ@theWNAA.org](mailto:IHQ@theWNAA.org)**. WNAA Nominating Committee will accept Board nominations by **postal mail through August 17; by email through August 27**; or nominating papers may be turned in at the NAFOW.

Thank you!

WNAA Nominating Committee

### WNAA BOARD NOMINATING FORM

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the WNAA?: No / Yes - Life or Annual

Name of the person you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if self-nomination

Candidate address: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed this with the candidate? Yes No

Candidate signature indicating willingness to be placed in nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Is the person you are nominating a member of the WNAA? *(must be a WNAA member for at least one year)*

Yes - Life or Annual? For how many years? \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown

How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_

How has this person been involved in Welsh activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this person would be a good addition to the Welsh North American Association Board of Trustees?

What skills can this person bring to the Board of Trustees?	Writing	Public speaking	Web design
Publicity	Social networking (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.)	Legal background	Marketing
Event Planning	Fundraising Accounting	Audio visual	Graphic design
			Other _____

List: \_\_\_\_\_

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