



# Ontario Peer Development Initiative

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Dear Members:

Participation on the Board of Directors of a provincial organization is both exciting and challenging. The benefits of this opportunity are two-fold: learning about consumer/survivor organizations in other parts of the province; and contributing to the consumer/survivor movement by supporting consumer/survivor organizations around the province.

The Nominating Committee is inviting applications for Board membership. In accordance with our by-laws, the Corporation shall strive to have a Board of Directors reflective of its regional diversity and interests, as well as Directors whose experience, skills, background and interests are of particular benefit to the promotion of the Corporation's objectives. The Corporation shall also strive to include at least seven (7) Directors from its General Membership and the remaining two from its Associate Membership.

Individuals who define themselves as consumer/survivors are eligible for election and must be a board, staff, or a general member of a member organization.

While you may be interested in putting your name forward as a board representative, please consider the time commitment that is involved. Elected officers hold a term of two years (renewable by election for a maximum of three terms) and the board holds at least six meetings in each fiscal year. These meetings are a combination of weekend face to face meetings held in Toronto and teleconferences. In addition, all Board members are expected to sit on at least one committee.

Please discuss this time commitment with your employer and ensure that they support you. Although your position on the Board is not as a representative of any particular organization or region, you may from time to time be required to attend teleconferences that may take place during the day in addition to quarterly face to face meetings.

***Each nominee must provide references. One reference must be from an OPDI member organization.***

If you are interested in volunteering but don't have time to commit to a Board position, or would like to build your skills first, please consider joining a committee such as Awards Committee, Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, Policy and Advocacy Committee, Awards Committee, Awards Selection Committee, or Education Committee. Committee purpose statements and application form is attached.

Please submit your application and other documentation by November 18, 2011

We look forward to your application.

Yours truly,

*Sheila Fisher*

Chair  
Nominating Committee