

AWHN BOARD MEMBER: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This form for members to express their interest in joining the AWHN Board, has been developed to gain a better understanding of applicants, support improved operational processes and be used for induction of new Board members. Your assistance by completing the Statement is greatly appreciated.

Name: Date statement completed:

Address:

Please respond to the following questions (no more than 300 words in total is required) and ensure your name is included on the bottom of each page of your application:

<p>What are your reasons for applying to be a member of the AWHN Board?</p>
<p>What positions do you <u>currently</u> hold in <u>other</u> organisations?</p>
<p>Do you have experience in best practice in governance/Board development work? <i>For example any training undertaken including related to previous Board/committee membership.</i></p>
<p>What is your vision for AWHN?</p>
<p>How many hours a month would you expect to be able to devote to AWHN business?</p>
<p>The 2014 AWHN Nominations Committee has identified succession planning for the Board as a priority. Are you interested in holding a position of office on the AWHN Board? If so, which position and can you talk to your experience/qualifications to this?</p>
<p>The 2014 AWHN Nominations Committee has identified the following skills as particularly important to the AWHN board. Can you describe your specific capacity in these areas? <i>(Please also fill in the Governance Skills, Experience and Personal Attributes Matrix below.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & evaluation • Communications: IT, Marketing & public relations • Organisational sustainability: fundraising, grant writing.
<p>What particular women's health issues are you passionate about and/or have an interest in?</p>
<p>What information/communication technology do you have access to and/or use? E.g. Telehealth or other videoconferencing, skype, facetime, facebook, twitter, blogs etc?</p>

Please send this form, along with a short CV relevant to AWHN work, to: info@awhn.org.au or P.O. Box 188 Drysdale Vic 3222

Completed forms must be received by close of business: <date>

Name of applicant:

SKILLS AND NETWORK MATRIX AND SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM

Governance Skills, Experience and Personal Attributes Matrix		Please identify your areas of key strength* relating to your application to the AWHN board. Provide brief details <i>*areas where you would rate yourself as strong or very strong</i>
Governance: AWHN Business & Environment Context Expertise		
Operating Environment Awareness	Understands government environment generally and the whole of health sector environment in particular; uses a variety of sources and processes including experts to gather up-to-date strategic information; uses information to predict and prepare for the impact of events upon the organisation; builds awareness and understanding of economic, political and underlying trends that may affect the organisation; understands the impact of internal and external forces and events and changing stakeholder needs on the organisation, and ensures these are addressed.	
Governance Organisational Awareness	Understands the formal and informal decision making processes of an organisation; understands the applications of an organisation's policies and procedures, responsibilities, legal obligations and the limits that apply to the organisation.	
Strategic Thinking	Thinks at a big picture level, is innovative and thinks 'outside the square' entertaining wide ranging possibilities; considers the ramifications of issues and long term impact of work being done; maintains sound awareness of stakeholder issues; plans and reviews work based on what is important to achieve; assimilates and synthesises complex information quickly; understands the organisation's current and future role.	
Financial Literacy	The ability to read, understand and interpret financial statements including trend analysis in a charitable not for profit environment and the ability to relate financial statements to current and future operating scenarios. Understand action needed to secure funding from a range of sources and accountabilities which arise for each.	
Risk Management Literacy	Ability to understand and apply risk principles and strategies including trend analysis; ability to relate risk management issues to current and future organisational and service delivery scenarios.	

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AWHN Content Knowledge & Networks		
Research & evaluation	Capacity to contribute to development of women's health research & evaluation methods, and outcome measurement.	
	Links to University and Research Institutes and Research funding bodies	
Communications (IT, marketing & public relations)	Media experience and networks;	
	Experience in building the profile of an organisation	
	Information technology	
Women's health knowledge	Experience and or qualifications in health and in particular women's health	
Regional leadership & knowledge	Highly visible experience within women's health at the national or state/territory level. Well regarded for women's health advocacy action. Capacity to bring networks and contacts to assist in implementing AWHN's Strategic Priorities.	Note: Please outline your current active involvement in women's health networks within your State/Territory.
Personal Attributes		
Displays Integrity	Demonstrates high ethical standards; Displays commitment to the public interest; Uses power responsibly; strives to earn and sustain a high level of public trust.	
Questions & Challenges	Proactively seeks information; assesses all relevant information and identifies information gaps; able to constructively question/challenge decisions, proposals and the established way of doing things; able to disagree without being disagreeable.	

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Works well in a team	Cooperates and works well with others in the pursuit of team goals; collaborates and shares information; shows consideration; concern and respect for others' feelings and ideas; accommodates and works well with others different working styles; encourages resolution of group conflict.	
Displays Leadership & Accountability	Proactive and self-starting; demonstrates capacity for sustained effort and necessary time commitment; commits to and takes responsibility for a definite course of action; identifies information and resources required and ensures opportunities and obstacles to achieve goals are addressed; clearly identifies the accountability requirements of a role and ensures these are met.	
Acts within a feminist philosophy	Commitment to working for a feminist organisation and advocating for recognition that health is primarily influenced by the social determinants of health.	

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