

# PWDWA Board – Expression of Interest Nomination Form – 2023



In accordance with the Rules of Association of People With Disabilities (WA) Inc. (PWDWA), Expressions of Interest are hereby called for election to the Board at the PWDWA 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The nominee must be a Full Member of PWDWA. Full membership of PWDWA is only available to people with a disability and is free of charge.

**Name of Nominee:**

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**Address:**

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**Telephone No:**

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**Email:**

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## Skills & Experience

Please give details below of your skills & experience and indicate why you wish to be a PWDWA Board member. (No more than 200 words. Please see the following **Guide for Nominees** for more information). You can attach a separate statement if preferred.

You may wish to include any experience you have being on a Board, Committee or other form of representation, and any qualifications or skills you bring to the Board.

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**Nomination Supported by:**

The person making the nomination **must be a Full Member of PWDWA.**

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Telephone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm I have gained the nominee’s consent for their name and details to go forward.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interstate Applicants -**

As part of our commitment to diversity and growth, we are exploring the possibility of broadening our Board's reach by welcoming members from other states. This initiative will be presented for consideration at the upcoming AGM, subject to regulatory clearance. If you are located outside of Western Australia, please tick the box above.

**Conditions of Election**

- Only Full Members may nominate and vote at the AGM.
- This nomination and election are subject to the Rules of Association of PWDWA

**Declaration:**

- I understand and agree that if elected, my position as a Board member is subject to any relevant checks and approvals being cleared (e.g., National Police Clearance).
- I understand and agree that if elected I will need to sign an agreement saying that I will abide by all relevant PWDWA policies and procedures.
- I understand that if elected I will be required to attend a Board induction and any required training.
- I am eligible to stand as a Board member and stand for election as outlined in the Guide for Nominees.
- I confirm that I am a Full PWDWA member.

**Signature of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return Your Nomination Form to the Returning Officer**

1. By mail - People With Disabilities WA Inc.  
City West Lotteries House, 23/2 Delhi Street, West Perth WA 6005
2. Or by email to [info@pwdwa.org](mailto:info@pwdwa.org) - Attention **Returning Officer**
3. Nominations must be returned **by no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday 10 October 2023.**

## Guide for Nominees

### **About PWDWA**

PWDWA is a leading member-based disability advocacy organisation in the state of Western Australia, that offers independent advocacy, general information, and resources to people who wish to self-advocate. As a registered charity, and backed by substantial state and federal funding, PWDWA has grown significantly over the last 40 years and has proudly supported hundreds of people with disabilities in areas ranging from housing to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) appeals and more.

### **The Role**

As an elected member of the PWDWA Board you will be part of a dedicated team tasked with guiding and overseeing the organisation. We are inviting expressions of interest from individuals who would like to be part of the PWDWA Board. Our board members are valued for their lived experiences with disabilities and their willingness to align with the organisation's member-based principles.

This role is an amazing opportunity for you to directly impact the lives of individuals with disabilities and champion PWDWA's vision of an inclusive society that respects human rights.

Responsibilities include:

- Participate in scheduled board meetings and thoroughly examine pertinent board materials.
- Deliver concise updates and reports to board members, whether through verbal communication or written documentation.
- Apply your extensive expertise in legal and ethical governance to offer valuable insights during board reviews of corporate affairs.
- Actively participate in strategic discussions and cultivate a positive board culture that promotes constructive support.
- Play a pivotal role in guiding the organisation towards a sustainable future by spearheading revenue raising initiatives and elevating the organisation's external visibility.

- A dedication to serve as a board member for a minimum of two years, with a preference for an extended commitment. The position involves an approximate monthly time commitment of three hours. Note – the minimum involvement may be extended to three years subject to proposed changes to the Rules of Association.

## **About You**

You are someone who ideally has:

- An unwavering commitment to advancing welfare and inclusivity within the disability community, further strengthened by your firsthand personal experience living with a disability.
- A dedicated philanthropist, willing to leverage personal expertise and insights in contributing to the board's mission.
- Experience in leadership roles in the advocacy or non-profit sector, showcasing experience and expertise.
- Demonstrates a strong grasp of governance principles specific to the nonprofit sector.
- Experience in financial oversight and strategic risk management.
- Strong communication skills.
- Exemplary leadership attributes and a proven track record in fostering collaborative decision-making.
- Experience in advanced research and data analysis skills.
- A commitment to addressing complex issues with compassion and patience.
- Experience and knowledge of the legal regulations and frameworks that govern not-for-profit organisations.

## **Interstate Applicants**

As part of our commitment to diversity and growth, we are exploring the possibility of broadening our board's reach by welcoming members from other states. This initiative will be presented for consideration at the upcoming AGM, subject to regulatory clearance. If you are located outside of Western Australia and enthusiastic about joining our board, we wholeheartedly invite you to submit your application.

Please ensure to indicate your interest in the designated section of the application form.

## **General Information**

- The composition of the PWDWA Executive Committee, is defined by our organisational rules. This committee encompasses essential roles such as Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson in addition to a potential complement of at least seven additional members.
- Only Full Members of PWDWA can be nominated, with endorsement from another Full Member.
- We welcome nominations from individuals across the country who align with our mission and goals.
- Participation on the Board is compensated by an hourly payment while other reasonable costs will be reimbursed in accordance with the Rules of the Association.
- Board meetings are typically scheduled every four weeks, and nominees have the option to engage in special working groups that focus on systemic or operational matters.
- If nomination forms are required in alternate formats, or assistance is required please contact PWDWA at [info@pwdwa.org](mailto:info@pwdwa.org) or via telephone (08) 9420 7279 and a member of staff will make the necessary arrangements.

### **Contact:**

To learn more, please contact Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Cullinan at [brendan@pwdwa.org](mailto:brendan@pwdwa.org) or via phone on (08) 9420 7279.