



## Call for Board Members

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS Two-Year Term

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(See Call for Directors poster for additional details)

#### Qualifications and Abilities:

- College or university educational background in Child and Youth Care
- Has recent or current experience in the Child and Youth Care field with focus on the future direction of the profession
- Interest and experience in providing leadership to one committee and participation in two committees, in addition to other board of director duties
- Proven leadership skills and abilities, a positive attitude and a team-oriented approach
- Exemplary written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills
- Previous board and/or senior management experience is an asset
- Current vulnerable sector criminal records check and professional references
- Ability to attend a minimum of four in-person board meetings per year in Toronto and online meetings (note: in-person meetings are taking place online during COVID-19)
- Commitment to working towards an equitable and inclusive profession
- Special consideration will be given to candidates who represent the following communities: Eastern and Southwestern Ontario

At the Association, we value diversity in our field and on our Board of Directors - both equitably and geographically. We are actively engaged in building a strong, diverse board that reflects our field of practice.

Please submit a letter of intent and chronological resume **via email to [recruitment@oacyc.org](mailto:recruitment@oacyc.org)**.

The Association is committed to providing persons with disabilities the same opportunity to access our goods and services and to benefit from those services, in the same place and in a similar way as other members. The Association welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the selection process.

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