



FY26-27 MWL Board of Directors Candidate Nomination Form

NOTE: This PDF is provided solely as a reference for preparing your form responses. Please submit this information by completing the survey [HERE](#).

Thank you for your interest in serving on the FY26-27 MWL Board of Directors.

The following questions are designed to help the MWL Nominating Committee get to know you. All starred questions are required. Demographic questions are optional, but encouraged. For open-ended questions, please limit each response to (approximately) 250 words or less. All nomination form responses are held confidential.

NOTE: In addition to submitting this form, nominations must also include a letter of interest or letter of nomination, and a candidate resume. Complete nominations must be received in the MWL office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026. Complete details about the nomination process and requirements are available at www.mwlawyers.org. (In "Latest News")

Questions? Contact MWL Nominating Committee Chair Emerald Gratz (emerald.gratz@state.mn.us) or MWL Executive Director Debra Pexa (dpexa@mwlawyers.org.)

****1. Contact Information***

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Employer

Title

Primary Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Email

Primary Phone

***2. MWL Bylaws: ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP; MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. Membership

This corporation shall have members and associate members. A member of this corporation is (a) any person who has received a juris doctor at either an accredited law school or a law school applying for accreditation in any jurisdiction of the United States, or (b) any law student in good standing at an accredited law school or a law school applying for accreditation in any jurisdiction of the United States. Membership and associate membership is granted upon the payment of annual dues.

Existing members who become suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any jurisdiction must notify the corporation of the suspension or disbarment, at which time membership will be revoked and all membership dues will be forfeited. Membership can be reinstated if: (a) The individual provides the corporation with verification from the appropriate licensing body that the individual is currently a member of the bar in good standing; and (b) Receipt of annual payment of dues. If reinstated within the same fiscal year in which their membership was initially revoked, the individual would not need to pay dues a second time.

MWL Bylaws: ARTICLE V: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 3. Qualifications

All nominated individuals shall be current members in good standing of the corporation and shall meet any other qualifications as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors.

MWL MEMBERSHIP: I am an MWL member in good standing.

- Yes
- No

***3. MWL DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT**

Please review MWL's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) Statement [HERE](#).

Please share how MWL’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement applies to you. In responding, feel free to answer based on identities, experiences, perspectives and/or viewpoints that may or may not be directly reflected in the Statement.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Questions 4 – 15

(Although encouraged, demographic questions are optional.)

***OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS**

16. What is most compelling to you about the MWL mission?

17. What does success look like for MWL? What do you believe is the Board's role in achieving that success?

18. Board Members advance MWL's mission in a variety of ways. As a volunteer "working" Board, MWL expects that Board members are engaged and active in many aspects of the organization. These functions may include, but are not limited to, serving as an ambassador, fundraiser, relationship-builder, committee leader, taskforce member, and/or through policy development, strategic planning, etc.

What skills, experiences, connections, and attributes will you bring to the MWL Board to help the organization advance its mission?

19. MWL has identified diversity, equity and inclusion as core values, organization-wide. What role does the MWL Board play to advance DE&I as a strategic priority? How will you contribute to that strategic priority?

20. During FY26-27, MWL will continue implementation of its new [Strategic Plan](#). MWL will also continue to focus efforts on strengthening and expanding its funding base. Please describe any experiences or skills you have that support or relate to these Board-focused initiatives.

21. In considering Board positions (highlighted [HERE](#)), please comment on your capacity to fully commit to the MWL Board, in light of other personal and professional commitments you may have.

22. Feel free to share any final comments.