Call for Nominations for NAQC Board of Directors

Response needed by January 8, 2010.

On behalf of NAQC’s board of directors and the nomination committee, I would like to solicit your recommendations for the election of new board members. NAQC members did a great job of submitting terrific candidates last year and we thank you. We were able to add excellent Directors to the Board as a result. We are counting on you to help us find outstanding candidates again this year. Please send all recommendations to me by January 8, 2010!

With regard to election of the board, all Individual Members can recommend candidate names; and the representative for each Organizational Member will elect individuals to the board. The terms of three board members end this year and we have had one resignation. It is our intention to put forward six names for the four open positions to the membership for election. The board chose this approach to allow for a meaningful vote without invoking undue competition.

Candidates for the board should have senior level experience, possess leadership skills, be strategic thinkers and display professional and collegial demeanor. Board members do not represent their employer or any specific constituency, but instead work together to create a global vision for NAQC. In addition, the board seeks members who are committed to NAQC’s mission and values, and have expertise in some of the areas listed below:
- Governance of a not-for-profit organization (NAQC uses a policy governance model)
- Finance and sustainability
- Communications
- Tobacco control/cessation
- Quitline operations, research and/or advocacy
- Community organizing
- Populations at risk
- Public affairs
- Human resources

Board members are elected for three-year terms and can be reelected once. The annual time commitment for board members includes four one-and-a-half day meetings (plus travel to and preparation for the meeting) and approximately 30 hours of additional time for committee work.
For each person you would like to recommend, please provide the following information to Becky Roberson, Chair of the NAQC Board Nomination Committee, c/o Board@naquitline.org by January 8, 2010:

1. Full name, contact information and brief resume for the person;
2. Your rationale for recommending this person to the Nominating Committee; and
3. Confirmation that you have spoken to the person and know that if nominated and elected, he/she would serve.

Next Steps: After the January 8 deadline, the nomination committee will review all suggested candidates, may follow up with selected people for additional information, and will propose a slate of six nominees. The board will vet the slate which will go forward to organizational members (likely in April) for a vote to select four directors. The election will be conducted using an online voting tool. The new directors will be announced in early summer.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Roberson, Chair of the Nomination Committee, at Board@naquitline.org or Linda Bailey, President and CEO, at lbailey@naquitline.org. A list of current board members is located here.

Thank you for your time and effort to participate in this important activity.

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