



National Educational Association
of Disabled Students
Association nationale des étudiant(e)s
handicapé(e)s au niveau postsecondaire

Nomination Package NEADS Board of Directors Elections 2010

Preamble

The affairs of the Association shall be managed and administered by a Board of Directors consisting of 12 members, all of whom shall be elected members, whom shall be elected for a term of two years at the Annual General Meeting of members.

1. **Composition** - The Board of Directors will be composed of the following thirteen positions:

Voting Members:

- A. Ten provincial Directors, one from each Province of Canada;
- B. One territorial Director, from any of the Yukon, Nunavut and Northwest Territories; and,
- C. One Director-at-Large, who may come from anywhere in Canada.

Ex-officio Members:

- D. The Past-President or a duly appointed designate

2. **Representational Requirements:**

- A. Provincial and the Territorial Directors must be studying and/or residing in the province that they are representing.
- B. Provincial and Territorial Directors cannot hold a paid position with the Association.
- C. The Past-President will serve in an advisory ex-officio capacity for one term following their term of office and will attend all meetings of the Board. In the absence of a past-President, the Executive Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors, a person who has served on the Executive Committee from a previous term to assume this position. This person shall be referred to as Advisor to the Board.

3. **Eligibility** – In addition to being duly elected, any and all persons holding a voting seat on the Board of Directors must also be regular members of the

Association, as defined in article V; as well as meet all the requirements outlined in article VI, section 2 (A) and VI, section 2 (B).

- A. Persons who are less than eighteen years of age are ineligible to be a Director of the Association.

4. **Collective Roles and Responsibilities:**

- A. The Board of Directors will be the governing body of the association and shall have the right to exercise all powers it deems necessary for the governance and operation of the organization, including but not limited to the appointment of an Executive Director and the employment of any other staff it deems appropriate;
- B. The Board of Directors shall carry out the policies established at the biennial and Special General Meetings.

Time Commitment

Board members will be expected to attend a minimum of 8 teleconferences per year, each lasting 1-2 hours, as well as 1-2 in-person Board meetings per year that typically run Friday-Sunday. Board members are also expected to attend committee meetings by teleconference as required. Correspondence of the Board is primarily by email and telephone; members are also expected to keep up-to-date with and respond to, as necessary, all correspondence.

Note: Prospective Board members may come from a variety of backgrounds – for e.g., community service, student leadership, provincial and regional committees, etc.; or may come from none of these backgrounds. A particular skill set is not required, but a commitment to participate and engage with the volume of Board business is a must. All interested members are encouraged to apply; you must have a willingness to learn and apply that learning while on the Board.

Board of Directors Nomination Form

Section A: Candidate Information

Note that your contact information will NOT be disclosed to the NEADS membership in the Candidate Information presented for the elections

Candidate	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ Province _____ Postal Code _____
Telephone	_____
E-mail	_____
School	_____
Degree Type	_____
Position	_____

Section B: Nominators

Two nominators are required. Nominators may be regular or associate members in good standing.

Nominator 1	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Nominator 2	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Section C: Previous Experience and Personal Statements

Please tell us about your previous volunteer, extra-curricular and leadership experiences, and how they have prepared you for serving on the NEADS Board?
(250 words or less)

Based on what you know of NEADS, why do you want to join the Board of Directors?
(250 words or less)

How do you plan to further NEADS' mandate and mission (as outlined in the organizational value proposition statements) in your province, region or school?
(250 words or less)