National Family Association for Deaf-Blind 2023 Board of Directors Call for Nominations

The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB) has open positions on its Board of Directors. NFADB is the largest national network of families focusing on issues surrounding deaf-blindness. NFADB exists to empower the voices of families with individuals who are deaf-blind and to advocate for their unique needs. We are committed to increasing family engagement and promoting the use of individual supports across the lifespan for people who are deaf-blind.

NFADB is seeking serious candidates that can help our organization make a difference in the lives of families living with deaf-blindness. Candidates can be family members of a person who is deaf-blind, professionals in our field, or individuals who are committed to our mission. A board member must be a NFADB member in good stand and can live in any state/territory. Duties include participating in board meetings, facilitating NFADB sponsored events, working on committees, helping to expand our Affiliate Network, and representing NFADB while collaborating with other professional organizations.

In addition to four General Board positions, the Executive Committee positions of President and Treasurer are up for re-election this year. *Only current or past board members may run for these two Executive Committee positions*. An elected term lasts for two years with the opportunity to run for one position for up to 3 consecutive 2-year terms (6 years).

We are especially interested in passionate board members who have specific skill sets and interests. If you possess one or more of these skills, please consider running for a board member position:

- accessibility knowledge and skills
- social media and website design experience
- fundraising and grant writing experience

- legislative process
- vocational rehabilitation services
- adult services
- Bilingual (English & Spanish)

To be considered for the NFADB Board of Directors, interested applicants will complete an online application, submit three letters of recommendations, assist with a personal background check, and participate in an interview.

The appointments are made in July 2023 with service beginning October 1, 2023.

To learn more or to nominate someone – including yourself – for an application to serve on the NAFDB Board, please contact Edgenie Bellah, Nominations Committee Chair, at edgenie@nfadb.org or at 512-563-3676.

Thank you for your interest and for your continued support of the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind!