



The Bridge Between Practice and Research in Addictions Nursing

Officer & Director Descriptions, Expectations and Commitment Statement

The call for nominations takes place each spring. Though not all positions are open each year, this document provides information about what is expected of each Board position, the respective role and function, and requisite skills. The Board of Directors Commitment Statement is also included. New and continuing Board members will be expected to sign this document each year when the Board of Directors is installed.

IntNSA's vision is to be a global leader in addictions nursing. IntNSA's mission is to advance excellence in nursing care for the prevention and treatment of addictions for diverse populations across all practice settings through advocacy, collaboration, education, research and policy development.

General Considerations for IntNSA Members Considering Board Office

Desired Skills and Experience

- Have a working knowledge of IntNSA's history, mission and goals.
- Working knowledge of bylaws and policies.
- Knowledge of the continuum of substance use and addictive disorder, prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery.
- Commitment to maintaining a strong organization that is responsive to our membership.
- Ability to handle IntNSA business with tact, enthusiasm and commitment.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to motivate workgroup members.
- Ability to take responsibility and follow through on assignments.
- Ability to work well with people.

Term of Service

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to terms and are eligible for re-election according to the IntNSA Bylaws.

Time Commitment

Attending Board meetings/conference calls, serving and/or assisting with workgroup activities, estimated to require approximately 5-10 hours per month. Time commitment may vary depending upon the activities of the individual Board member.

Benefits of Leadership

- Leadership is an opportunity to make a difference in IntNSA, the nursing community, and addictions nursing specialty,
- Leadership provides an opportunity to identify needs and to support and achieve organizational and professional goals.
- IntNSA leaders gain experience in building and working with groups.
- Leaders promote and develop leadership in others.
- The IntNSA Board of Directors helps to shape the organization's direction and its future.

IntNSA Board of Director: Role, Function, and Requisite Skills

For Board Position descriptions, roles, functions and skills, please refer to the IntNSA Bylaws, Article IV- Officers, <http://www.intnsa.org/about-us/bylaws-2>.