



Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities

Dear OADD member,

Would you or someone you know be interested in joining the OADD board?

As you know the OADD exists to support people and students working and studying in the field of Developmental Disabilities. We do this by:

- Hosting an annual conference to provide educational and networking opportunities,
- Producing the Journal on Developmental Disabilities (available in print and on-line),
- Building links and partnerships with other provincial and national organizations including the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Specialized Networks of Care, National Association for the Dually Diagnosed and the Great Lakes Society,
- Using our website and email distribution networks to provide information to members.
- And providing support to researchers and staff via the Research Special Interest Group and the Developmental Services Special Interest Group.

The OADD board also funds 3 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students through the Kay Sansom scholarships and recognizes excellence in the field of Developmental Disabilities through our awards.

There are many opportunities to get involved as a member, on committees or on the board itself, depending on your interests. The board meets every two months in Toronto; we are also able to meet via videoconference when travelling is difficult.

The board represents the following constituencies;

Geographic:

North,
Southwest,
Southeast,
Central and Toronto

Background:

Colleges
Universities
Service Provider Agencies
Training
Research

In addition to the constituency needs, there are specific skills sets required to participate and lead the various board committees, (i.e. Membership, Finance, Publications, Conference, etc). These include, but are not limited to:

Skills:

Event planning/ Planning and Coordination/Volunteer management
Financial analysis
Organizational Skills: Communications, Committee leadership
Policy Development/ Strategic thinking

Research and Development experience
Problem Solving/Negotiation skills
Networking/Multi-sector experience
Leadership/Initiative

We are currently seeking people from the North, or Southeast and/or people from any of the following backgrounds: Colleges, Universities, Training, Research and Service Providers. As well as individuals interested in the role of Treasurer or Publications committee chair in 2011. Interested individuals would be asked to join the appropriate committee this year to gain experience.

You can nominate yourself or send in a nomination for someone else. **The deadline for nominations is February 28th, 2009.**

To submit a nomination to the Nominating Committee, send an email to oadd@oadd.org by Feb. 28th with your name, the name of the person being nominated (if not yourself), and a short note about your qualifications, why you are interested and which committee you would be interested in joining.

Thank you

Lorry Cumming
Membership Committee Chair
OADD