Dear *[NAME]*,

The NAMI Texas Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to begin accepting recommendations for bylaws amendments and nominations for positions on the NAMI Texas Board of Directors.

In 2020, the Bylaws require the membership to elect five Directors: a Director representing Regions 2, 4, and 5, and two Directors At-Large, each serving a term of three years (2021-2023). Additionally, the Bylaws require electing a NAMI State Peer Leadership Council Representative to the NAMI Texas Board.

The following positions are up for election on the NAMI Texas Board, and two Directors have agreed to run again:

- Region 2 (current Region 2 Director, Sherry Cusumano, is term-limited. Therefore, she may not run for re-election)
- Region 4 - Vacant
- Region 5 - (current Region 5 Director, Cindy Swain, is term-limited. Therefore, she may not run for re-election).
- At-Large Director 1 of 6 - (current Director holding this At-Large position, John Dornheim, is term-limited. Therefore, he may not run for re-election).
- At-Large Director 2 of 6 - (Shveta Pillai currently holds this At-Large position)
- NAMI State Peer Leadership Council Representative to the NAMI Texas Board - (Diane Banks currently holds this position)

Affiliates in the current year's designated regions may nominate a director for either Regional Director or an At-Large Director. All other Affiliates may nominate an At-Large Director. Nominations for all Directors shall be made by the members through Affiliates. No Affiliate may nominate more than one individual for a Director position per election. Please note that each Affiliate can nominate one candidate for the NAMI Texas Board of Directors and one candidate for the NAMI State Peer Leadership Council Representative to the NAMI Texas Board.

**Elections and Nominations:**

Board nominations must be submitted electronically to Greg Hansch, Executive Director, NAMI Texas (executive.director@namitexas.org), subject line: 2020 BOD Nominations & Elections.

The following documents are required for a valid submission:

1. 2020 NAMI Texas Board of Directors Nominee Application
2. Candidate Resume
3. Candidate Picture (jpeg)
4. 2020 Affiliate Nomination Endorsement

All nominations must be received no later than close-of-business Friday, August 7, 2020.

- A list of NAMI Texas Board of Directors Responsibilities and Duties, can be found [HERE](#).
- A list of the Texas Representative to the NAMI Peer Leadership Council Responsibilities and Duties can be found [HERE](#).
- A map of the Affiliates divided by regions can be found [HERE](#).
- A roster of the 2020 NAMI Texas Board of Directors can be found [HERE](#).
**Important Dates:**
The NAMI Texas Board of Directors has established November 7, 2020 as Election Day. The Date of Record shall be September 8, 2020. This date will be used to determine which members are in good standing (membership dues paid in full) in order to receive ballots for the November 7th election. Not yet a member? Become one [here](#)!
The 2020 election will be conducted using paper and electronic ballots. Paper ballots will be mailed to members in good standing who have not provided valid email addresses by September 8, 2020 and must be returned to the NAMI Texas office postmarked no later than October 31, 2020. Electronic ballots will be made available to members in good standing who have provided a valid email address by October 8, 2020, and must be cast no later than November 7, 2020.

**Bylaws Amendments:** Any NAMI Texas Member may propose Bylaws revisions or amendments. If you would like to propose Bylaws revisions or amendments, please submit those in writing by the end of Friday, July 10th, 2020. You may submit them to executive.director@namitexas.org or by mail. Please quote the section(s) that you are proposing to revise or amend, and underneath that, the specific text of your proposed revision(s) or amendment(s). Please include your name within your submission.

**Special Note:**
If you have provided a valid email address, you will be receiving your ballot electronically via the email address you provided. Paper ballots are ONLY to be used if you choose not to vote electronically or if you do not have a valid email address.

Sincerely,

Nominations and Elections Committee
NAMI Texas Board of Directors

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Submit a [Workshop Proposal](#)!