June 21, 2021

Dear Jane,

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. Membership is required for participation in the 2021 NAMI Texas Election.

In 2021, the Bylaws require the membership to elect five Directors: a Director representing Regions 1, 3, and 8, and two Directors At-Large. Each will serve a term of three years (2022-2024). Additionally, the Bylaws require electing a NAMI Texas Representative to the NAMI (National) Peer Leadership Council.

The following positions are up for election on the NAMI Texas Board:

- Region 1 (Linda Denke is the current Region 1 Director.)
- Region 3 (Aimee Mobley-Turney is the current Region 3 Director.)
- Region 8 (Linda Cantu is the current Region 8 Director.)
- At-Large Director 3 of 6 (Yvonne Broach currently holds this At-Large position.)
- At-Large Director 4 of 6 (Keino McWhinney currently holds this At-Large position.)
- Texas Representative to the NAMI Peer Leadership Council

Affiliates in the current year’s designated regions may nominate a director for either a 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 and submitted through Affiliate Leadership.

- Region 1 Affiliates: NAMI Lubbock and NAMI Texas Panhandle
- Region 3 Affiliates: NAMI El Paso
- Region 8 Affiliates: NAMI Golden Triangle, NAMI Greater Houston, NAMI Gulf Coast

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 National Peer Leadership Council Representative.
Elections and Nominations

Board nominations must be submitted electronically to Greg Hansch, Executive Director, NAMI Texas (executive.director@namitexas.org) with the subject line: 2021 BOD Nominations & Elections.

The following documents are required for a valid submission:

1. 2021 NAMI Texas Board of Directors Nominee Application
2. Candidate Resume
3. Candidate Picture (.jpg)
4. Affiliate Nomination Endorsement Form

All nominations must be received no later than 11:59 pm CT on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

A list of NAMI Texas Board of Directors Responsibilities and Duties, can be found HERE.

A map of the Affiliates divided by regions can be found HERE.

A roster of the 2021 NAMI Texas Board of Directors can be found HERE.

Important Dates

The NAMI Texas Board of Directors has established November 13, 2021 as Election Day. The Date of Record shall be September 14, 2021. 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 13 election.

Not yet a member? Become one here!

The 2021 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 in your NAMI 360 membership profile. Paper ballots must be returned to the NAMI Texas office postmarked no later than November 6, 2021. Electronic ballots will be made available to members in good standing who have provided a valid email address by September 21, 2021, and must be cast no later than 11 am CT November 13, 2021.

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 11:59 pm on July 16, 2021. 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.

Note: Proposed amendments require review by the NAMI Texas Board of Directors and then by the national NAMI Governance Committee before they can be submitted to a vote by NAMI Texas.
members. Also, the NAMI Texas Board has already submitted a set of proposed amendments which are currently under review by the national committee.

**Special Note**

If you have provided a valid email address, you will be receiving your ballot electronically via the email address you provided in [your NAMI 360 membership profile](#). Paper ballots are only to be used if you have not provided a valid email address in NAMI 360. Please make sure your email address and/or mailing address are up-to-date in NAMI 360.

**NAMI Texas Annual Conference and Awards Celebration**

Registration will open soon for [Forward to Wellness: The 2021 NAMI Texas Annual Conference and Awards Celebration](#). Please join us November 12-13 on the [CVENT Virtual Attendee Hub](#).

Sincerely,

NAMI Texas Nominations and Elections Committee