



Westcoast Community Resources Society

Board Member Application

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Westcoast Community Resource Society.

So you are interested in being a Board member?

A regular member of the Society may be nominated to the Board of Directors and elected at our AGM each year. Following is some information that you may find helpful if you are considering the Board of Directors for the Westcoast Community Resources Society (WCRS).

Westcoast Community Resources Society is a registered non-profit society in BC and a charitable organization, which provides a range of free and confidential services for the community. A nonprofit organization draws from public funds and donations to contribute to the community. The nonprofit must have a committed group of members (elects a Board of Directors) to make sure the organization is keeping with its mission and fulfilling the social purposes for which it is formed.

A Board member is a volunteer who helps to provide broad oversight and governance for the activities of the Society. WCRS Board operates in a consensus decision making model and helps to make decisions in the areas of financial management, strategic planning and meeting the social purposes of the Society as outlined in their Constitution. The WCRS delegates the day-to-day operations to an executive director and a staffing cohort of about twenty people.

Constitution

The purposes of the Society are:

- a. to provide a safe temporary shelter for women and their children who have been exposed to violence or abuse and to provide longer-term, second-stage housing for low and moderate income women and their children;
- b. to provide advocacy, resources and counselling to children, youth, adults and families;
- c. to provide programs to advance the status of women;
- d. to provide community education to eliminate all forms of violence;
- e. to provide programs to promote equality and celebrate diversity;
- f. to collaborate with all West coast communities to build community resources and capacity

Eligibility

I am willing to sign an Oath of Confidentiality.

I am willing to complete a Criminal Record Check for vulnerable adults and children.

I am eligible to be a director under the Societies Act of BC, and if I cease to be, will promptly resign in writing:

- a. I am not found by any court, in Canada or elsewhere, to be incapable of managing my own affairs, unless a court, in Canada or elsewhere, subsequently finds otherwise.
- b. I do not have an undischarged bankruptcy.
- c. I am not convicted in or out of British Columbia of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a corporation or unincorporated entity, or of an offence involving fraud.

I am eligible to be a voting member of the Society

- d. A person residing in the westcoast region of Vancouver Island (from Port Alberni west).
- e. I (or a member of my immediate family) have not received services from the Society in the last year.
- f. Am not the beneficiary of any financial compensation through my business, professional or personal connection to the Society.

I am able to commit to 3-4 hours a month for the term of at least one year and would like to put my name forward to serve on the Westcoast Community Resources Society Board of Directors.

Application Form

My Name _____

Home Phone _____ **Office/Cell Phone** _____

Date of Birth _____ **(for purposes of annual report filing)**

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Occupation _____

Please say what you may bring to your work in the Society (e.g. business, financial, governance, program, fundraising experience).

I have read the vision, mission and principles of the Society and they align with my own values as follows

My availability is as follows _____

I am interested in being nominated for election at the next AGM and am willing to serve for a term of _____ year (one or two year terms).

My personal statement of interest:
