



## Board Member - Pacific Immigrant Resources Society

*PIRS empowers immigrant and refugee women and children to fully participate in Canadian life through neighbourhood-based programs.*

Over 40 years ago, a number of visionary and committed immigrant women identified a need for English language programs, complete with a preschool component for their young children that would support the settlement needs of isolated immigrant mothers.

We have a unique approach of strong community partnerships in order to offer our programming where the need is the greatest. We offer programs that have helped thousands of new Canadian women gain the knowledge, skills, confidence and friendships needed to feel at home in our community and to open doors to greater participation in Canadian society. Through language training integrated with early childhood education, we enable immigrant mothers to learn while their children develop the language and social skills needed for success in the Canadian school system.

We are a registered charity that relies on individual donations, community grants and public funding in order to deliver its programming.

We are seeking individuals with a passion for our cause. As a Board member you will contribute to the governance of the organization, providing leadership, oversight, planning, ideas and networks so that we continue to grow, engage our stakeholders and continually improve our brand and reputation within the communities we serve. In return, you will be a member of an enthusiastic team: a strong committed board and skilled, engaged employees. This is an opportunity to share your skills and develop new ones.

### Specific Skills

- You have an inquisitive mind and a love of learning,
- You think critically and are comfortable working at a strategic level.
- You bring experience with and enjoy collaboration and being part of a team,
- You have strong written and verbal communication skills, comfortable networking and building relationships.
- You want to lead people and have demonstrated that you can.

You bring one or more of the following:

- legal expertise to contribute in a general way to the board, and provide insight into issues and opportunities that arise from time to time



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Member Agency

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Lower Mainland

- information systems expertise to contribute in a general way to the board and provide insight into issues and opportunities that arise from time to time
- strong community development and relationship building expertise and you will build partnerships and increase awareness of the value and benefits of PIRS
- financial expertise to ensure that effective financial measures, controls and procedures are in place
- resource and fund development expertise and you will strengthen the fundraising efforts of the organization through relationships and innovative ideas

**Time commitment**

On average, 10 hours per month. Board members are encouraged to attend hosted events and expected to attend monthly board meetings, planning sessions and meetings of the society.

**Office Location**

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**For more information or to apply, please email:**

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