



Board Member – Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) Call for Board Members to support PIRS during the COVID-19 crisis

45 years ago, a number of visionary and committed immigrant women identified a need for programs that would support the settlement needs of isolated immigrant mothers and women. PIRS has 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.

The PIRS leadership team is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and taking the necessary steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff and participants. In these uncertain times, we are grateful that PIRS is more than just a place of work - it is a community made up of brave, caring and creative women! Together, we will find the solutions needed to make sure that PIRS will not only survive this period, but that we will flourish to provide yet another 45 years of exceptional service. Since the start of the pandemic in Canada, we have mobilized our efforts to take action while continuing to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee women in innovative, and digitally accessible ways.

We are seeking individuals with a passion for our cause, and who can offer urgently needed support during the COVID-19 crisis with an invitation to continue as a Board Member once the situation settles. 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. **The following are some specific skills that we are looking for during this unprecedented time:**

- **financial expertise**
- **human resources**
- **governance**
- **governance during crisis**
- **resource and fund development to 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.

Time & Day of Volunteer Engagement

Evening; Weekdays

For more information or to apply, please contact

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