



Board Member – Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS)

Call for Board Members

45 years ago, a group of visionary and committed immigrant women identified a need for programs that would support the settlement of isolated immigrant mothers and women. Today, PIRS remains one of the few organizations across Vancouver and the Lower Mainland dedicated to addressing the unique needs and challenges of immigrant and refugee women and their children. Grounded in strong community partnerships, and using a decentralized approach, we deliver critical programming and services where the need is the greatest. Our programs have empowered thousands of newcomer women to gain the knowledge, skills, confidence and friendships needed to feel at home in our community and to open doors to increased participation and more meaningful engagement in Canadian society.

PIRS recognizes the importance of diversity and works to ensure that there is diversity throughout the organization, including around the board table. We encourage applicants with lived experience of structural inequity to apply, and in particular those who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, LGBTQ2IA+, and those living with a visible or invisible disability.

PIRS is more than just a place of work; we are a diverse community of powerful, caring and creative women! Together, we are developing solutions to ensure that PIRS will flourish to provide yet another 45 years of exceptional service.

We are seeking individuals with a passion for our cause, and who can help us achieve our strategic goals. 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 enhance our brand and reputation within the communities we serve. In return, you get to directly enable critical supportive programs for newcomer and refugee women with a dynamic and committed team.

The following are some specific skills that we are looking for:

- **financial expertise**
- **governance, particularly trauma and violence informed governance**
- **resource and fund development or fundraising**
- **diversity, equity and inclusion**
- **lived experience as an immigrant, newcomer or refugee**



The following are some of the qualities we're looking for in a board member:

- 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, are comfortable networking and building relationships.
- You work from a feminist, anti-oppressive perspective, and are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Time commitment

On average, 6 - 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; occasional weekends

For more information or to apply, please contact by Aug 1, 2022

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