

2023 IAO Board Member call for nominations

Position Title: Board Member

Time Commitment: 5+ Hours Monthly

We are looking to bring on new directors and grow the leadership to take on Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary in the next year.

About Inclusion Action Ontario

[Inclusion Action in Ontario](#) is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the inclusion of students with disabilities in education and the community. We believe that inclusive education is the foundation of an inclusive life.

For over 30 years, our work has influenced educators and school boards, but we focus on providing support to families who are seeking to enrich the lives of their children. Together, we discuss their most important plans and goals for their children.

We advocate for the right of students with disabilities to have a good life in the community, employment and educational opportunities, meaningful volunteer work, real choice, security in housing, and close reciprocal friendships.

We believe that it is in early childhood that the foundations for life are laid, and thus an inclusive education as a child is the basis for an inclusive life in the community. It is for this reason that our work centers around ensuring an inclusive education for students with disabilities, who are often excluded or placed in segregated settings.

Position Summary

Inclusive Action Ontario is looking for active community members, passionate about their advocacy and creative in their approach to join the Board of Directors. This individual will ideally have strong connections to the community; have direct experience with disability, and general understanding of the existing 'Special Education' environment. This position will participate in board meetings, bring their unique perspective to the mission and vision of IAO, and contribute some time and effort into furthering the organizational goals.

This is a part-time, remote-volunteer position. We aim to grow and support our community at large.

Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly Board Member meetings, as well as occasional planning sessions for ongoing events (by Zoom)

Some ways you might contribute

- Assist in volunteer and member recruitment, organization and management, including creating local chapters and representation on Special Education Advisory Committees
- Supporting Program work.
- Assist with fundraising and grant applications
- Work with the other board members and volunteers to write blog articles/content for IAO's website and various social media platforms, or policy positions.
- Brainstorm and organize relevant community/virtual events and supports for individuals and families experiencing disability.
- work with IAO Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Qualifications

- Ability to work independently, take initiative, and assume responsibility (Please discuss any support needs with us)
- Effective collaborator within a remote team environment
- A commitment to fostering equity, inclusion and diversity in Canada's education system and beyond

Inclusion Action Ontario is an ability and culturally competent organization and is committed to building an inclusive community that respects the dignity and independence of candidates with neurodiverse attributes, multicultural and diverse backgrounds, multilingual abilities, and experience with the LGBTQ2 community. Candidates with diverse backgrounds would be considered an asset.

Inclusion Action Ontario is committed to providing accommodation for persons with disabilities. If you require any accommodation in the application process, please do not hesitate to reach out to arrange support.

When applying please insert Board Member Application and your full name into the subject line.