



April 5, 2024

Dear Election Committee:

As the Executive Director of NAMI Minnesota and a member of the Executive Director Council, I am happy to nominate Lauren Simonds, Executive Director of NAMI Washington, to the NAMI National Board of Directors in the EDC position.

Seconding my nomination is Brenda Scott, also a member of the Executive Director Council, and the Executive Director of NAMI Mt San Jacinto.

Lauren has served this past year on the NAMI National Board of Directors and has well represented the executive directors at both the state and local level. Ms. Simonds has great experience in nonprofit management and public policy. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the national board.

Should you need anything further from me at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Abderholden".

Sue Abderholden, MPH  
Executive Director