

Jeff Fladen
Nominated by NAMI Tennessee

Nominator Narrative

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Executive Director, NAMI Tennessee

NAMI Board service demands experience, knowledge, commitment, and time to help others. Board members must be passionate about NAMI's goals, values, and beliefs. This year, the NAMI Board is highlighting specific skills that they are seeking in candidates to strengthen the current skill sets on the board. You can review the [2024 Open Letter](#) from the NAMI Board President for more information on the call for candidates.

Please list the skill areas identified in the Open Letter in which this candidate excels.

Jeff Fladen has knowledge of the philanthropic community which is demonstrated through his establishment of the NAMI Tennessee Vision of Hope Gala which is now in its 10th year. He also is familiar with the need to diversify revenue streams through sponsorships, grants, and donor cultivation.

His skills in financial oversight are displayed through his role as Treasurer of NAMI and his leadership in the creation of the NAMI endowment. His experience as a NSO Executive Director enables him to work closely with affiliates and to be knowledgeable about challenges facing NSONA entities including social media and communications.

Explain any additional skill areas in which this candidate excels not identified in the Open Letter that you believe would be an asset to the NAMI Board.

This individual has helped advance the NAMI mission in my community by...

Creating relationships that allow for NAMI to be at the table as a convener or in a leadership role. His work for the NAMI alliance to be successful at all levels.

This individual works well in coordination with other leaders to accomplish goals as evidenced by...

Listening, working with others, and offering advocacy that supports the values and goals of NAMI.