



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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An Open Message from the NAMI Board President

NAMI is pleased to announce the yearly Call for Candidates for the NAMI National Board of Directors! Five candidates will each be elected to serve a three-year term, replacing current board members whose terms end in June. People with knowledge, skills, expertise, and life experiences who can contribute effective leadership for growth and impact are encouraged to come forward as Board candidates for 2025.

Expertise and Experience Needed for the 2025-2026 Board

The NAMI Board of Directors seeks highly qualified leaders of all backgrounds and experiences to serve on the National Board. Ultimately, the National Board is charged with ensuring NAMI's effectiveness in advancing its mission. Given the critical responsibilities as directors of a national nonprofit organization, serving on the NAMI Board requires an understanding of the complex legal, fiduciary, and strategic decisions the Board is routinely required to address.

This year, the NAMI Board is highlighting specific areas of expertise and experience that they are seeking in candidates to strengthen the current skill sets on the board.

- Military background
- Information technology (including but not limited to AI, cyber security, data analysis/management).
- Law
- Peer support service delivery
- Accounting/banking/trusts/investments
- Faith leaders and members of faith communities
- Communications strategy

In addition, the NAMI Bylaws require that a minimum of 75% of the board be comprised of persons who have or have had mental illness, or parents or their relatives thereof, including civil and domestic partners (Bylaws Article IV § 2). To ensure compliance with this requirement, all candidates are asked to identify if they have either had lived experience of mental illness or are a family member of someone with lived experience. Currently, more than 75% of the elected board members self-identify under this definition.

When Considering a Nomination

Service on the NAMI Board is a fulfilling experience. We invite able and experienced leaders from all walks of life to join us in this remarkable journey—and we thank the thousands of NAMI members who inspire and focus us in our work.

We encourage those who are considering seeking election to contact us at voting@nami.org with any questions. Thank you for all that you do, every day, to support NAMI!

- Attend the Board Expectations Call on **Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. ET**. Register [here](#).
- Learn more about NAMI Board Service [here](#), and review the [election information 2025 document](#) for candidacy requirements.
- More information about the 2025 NAMI Elections will be posted regularly at www.nami.org/2025elections.