



## Board of Directors Nomination Instructions 2021

Strategic leadership for the Child and Youth Care Certification Board is provided by a volunteer board of directors who serve four-year terms and are elected by the body of certified practitioners.

Serving on the board is a significant opportunity to contribute to the evolution of child and youth care practice. CYCCB implements the highest standards in the field and brings practitioner leadership to raise standards of practice, promote certification, and increase recognition of CYC contribution to the world.

We value a diverse board and seek practitioners from a wide variety of backgrounds including all practice settings, direct practitioners, managers, administrators, educators, trainers, and researchers. We welcome youth with lived experience who are interested in promoting competent practitioners to staff the many child and youth work programs serving youth in juvenile justice, child welfare, foster care, recreation, faith-based, and other settings.

The CYCCB Board is a working board. It is responsible for program development, funding raising, and other tasks to expand certification and high standards of practice.

### **Board member requirements**

Candidates are typically certified by CYCCB at the Entry, Associate, or Professional level and current in their renewal. *Although this is desirable, it is not a requirement.*

### Board members expectations:

- Attend monthly 90 minute long teleconference and make contribution to board tasks, discussions, and decisions.
- Serve on at least one committee and be present at monthly committee meetings which may be 1-hour to 1.5 hours in length.
- All board members complete board and committee tasks as accepted along with other tasks associated with CYCCB's mission and vision.

### Board Member Benefits:

- All time spent on CYCCB board or committee meetings and work is recognized as in-kind donations. Many organizations document these collaborative efforts as in-kind donations to the community.
- Participation on the CYCCB Board of Directors counts as a portion of renewal requirements for CYC certification.
- It provides direct opportunity to guide the evolution of the certification process and high-quality standards that are used throughout the CYC field.

Financial support to fund occasional travel is helpful. In-person meetings are occasionally held. Board members are expected to cover their own travel expenses. It is helpful to have consent from the Board member's employing organization so that board activities, required meetings, and expenses are supported.

### **Nomination process**

Practitioners who are certified at the Entry, Associate, or Professional levels are invited to nominate candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. The nominees who receive the most votes from certified practitioners will be elected. Some current board members will be seeking re-election.

To make a nomination, send this form as an attachment to the following email address: [CYCoffice@youthworkacademy.org](mailto:CYCoffice@youthworkacademy.org). Nominations will be posted on the polling website from August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. Each currently certified practitioner will be notified by email when the polling site is available and will have 8 votes. Eight positions are up for election this cycle. Election results will be announced in September 2021. Nominations for this election cycle will be accepted until July 31, 2021.

Please work with the individual you are nominating to complete the nomination questionnaire on the following page.

## CYCCB Nomination Questionnaire

Include sufficient information in your response so that those who may not know the individual will have enough information to make their selection. Nominees' names and responses to the two questions from the person nominating the practitioner and from the nominee will be posted online during the voting period (contact information will not be included).

Date of nomination:

Name of Person You are Nominating:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Name of Person Making the Nomination:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

**Practitioner Making Nomination:** Why are you nominating this person for the CYCCB Board? What does s/he offer? Why would other certified practitioners want this person to represent them?

**For Nominee:** Why do you want to serve on the CYCCB Board? What do you feel you have to offer?