

Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors of Allergy New Zealand Inc

Dear Member/Supporter

The Board of Directors is elected annually by members at the Annual General Meeting. The Constitution allows for:

A Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be members of the Board ex officio; and up to ten (10) Board members in addition, making a Board of fourteen (14).

The constitution also allows for the co-option of additional members. Traditionally the Board has always had a representative of the Medical Panel.

An Auditor and Hon. Solicitor are also appointed at the AGM, although not members of the Board.

Call for Board Members

The current Board has developed a Strategic Plan for the period 2010 – 2013.

The Mission

To enhance the health and well being of people living with allergies by sharing current knowledge & expertise and leading positive change through being a strong and credible national voice.

To achieve this, a key goal is to build and maintain a sustainable organisation; and a related objective is to strengthen governance through an appropriate development program and board composition.

The Board is mindful that, due primarily to financial factors, most of its members are from the Auckland region. However it has determined that to develop the organization to be capable of achieving its Mission, it needs members who

- can reflect the needs of the diverse population of New Zealand affected by allergy e.g. urban and rural communities nationally as well as Maori, Pacific, Asian and other ethnic groups and cultures
- provide a range of perspectives
- have specific skills which can assist the organisation, such as legal, financial, education, health, industry, marketing, media, business, government policy, insurance, IT etc

While financial considerations still apply, the Board feels that there are advantages in communications technology which can help overcome this. It is proposed that for the year following the AGM (14 August 2010):

- The full Board will meet up to 6 times in the year including the 2011 AGM. Funding for members out of Auckland to attend will be provided for 2 meetings (schedule of meetings to be determined by the Board following the AGM)

- Where members out of Auckland are unable to travel to Auckland, Board meetings will incorporate teleconferencing facilities to enable their participation (it is anticipated most meetings will be on a week night or a Saturday afternoon)
- The Executive will provide governance on behalf of the Board in the intervening months including meetings with the CEO
- The Board will develop a sub-committee structure to progress aspects of work e.g. development of governing policies and procedures. This work can be carried out through use of email and teleconferencing, with reports provided at Board meetings
- A programme for Board development will be implemented and
- A review of the Board's performance will be conducted by end of July 2011 to determine whether this strategy has strengthened the governance of Allergy New Zealand.

We need your help. Allergy New Zealand has a very large constituency – over a million people are likely to have allergies – but limited time and resources to make a significant difference. Our Board of Directors are responsible for setting the direction, goals and objectives; and for supporting the organisation while also monitoring it's progress. We need people who are passionate about improving life for those living with allergies, and who are willing to commit some time in support of Allergy New Zealand's mission. Potential members will also need access to email, and able to travel to Auckland overnight up to 2 times in a year.

If you are interested, please contact the CEO, Penny Jorgensen, for more information. Penny will then put you in touch with the Chairperson, Sue Egbers.

If you would like to help Allergy New Zealand but feel unable to commit to going onto the Board, please contact Penny anyway. We are in need of a diversity of skills and perspectives to help develop submissions etc on a wide range of issues.

Yours sincerely



Penny Jorgensen, CEO

On behalf of Sue Egbers, Chairperson