

Have a Seat on the Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network Board of Directors!

The Network is now accepting nominations for individuals to serve on the 2017-2019 Board of Directors. Please review the instructions below, and submit your nominations by Friday, February 24, 2017, at 5:00 PM Alaska time. Send nominations to Network Election Committee via email (65by2025@gmail.com) or fax (907.269.7991)

The Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network is currently accepting nominations for the following designated Board of Director seats: Postsecondary Education, Rural Alaska, State Agencies, Vocational/Tribal, Postsecondary Student Services, and Alaska Natives. These seats are a two year term, and *only* available to current Network Members.

Is This Right For Me? If you have a desire to formally engage in advocacy and support of postsecondary access and success, please consider adding your name to the ballot for the Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network Board of Directors! The Network relies on the efforts and expertise of our Board Members to guide the organization through voting on policy decisions, assisting with setting and accomplishing goals, and continued successful development. Before submitting nomination materials, we ask that you first review the responsibilities and time commitment necessary for successful Board of Director engagement. Particularly, please note that Board member attendance and active participation in monthly meetings and committee work is essential to the success of the Network. *In short, please don't apply if you don't have time to dedicate to the Network and our mission!*

Network Board of Director Responsibilities & Time Commitment:

- Promote awareness of, and advocate for, the Network and our mission (ongoing)
- Attend and actively participate in monthly Board of Director Meetings
 - In-person, full-day Board of Director meetings (quarterly, funding dependent)
 - Telephonic Board of Director meetings (approximately 2 hours each month)
- Direct and monitor committee activity (varies, depending on committee)
- Serve on a minimum of one committee (varies, depending on committee)
 - Create takeaway projects/deliverables; for example:
 - Development and delivery of PowerPoint presentations
 - Development of a task list for committee
- Fundraise to support Network activities (ongoing)

The Nomination Process:

According to Network Bylaws and election rules, any current Network member that wishes to stand for election may be nominated **by themselves, or by another Network Member**. To nominate, provide the individual's name, personal biography (200 word maximum) and a completed Nomination Questionnaire and submit to the Network Election Committee via email (65by2025@gmail.com) or fax (907.269.7991)

Designated Board Seats up for Election (seats defined and listed below are currently available for nominations)

- **Postsecondary Education:** Employed in an established Alaska postsecondary institution for a minimum of two years at the time they are seated on the Board.
- **Rural Alaska:** Reside in an Alaskan rural community (as defined below) for a minimum of five years at the time they are seated on the Board
Definition of Rural: Rural is defined as A) a community having a population of 5,500 or less, and not on the road or rail system to Anchorage or Fairbanks; OR B) a community having a population of 1,500 or less, and connected by road or rail system to Anchorage or Fairbanks.
- **State Agencies:** Employed in an Alaskan state agency for a minimum of two years at the time they are seated on the Board.
- **Vocational/Tribal:** Employed in a tribally recognized organization or an established Alaskan employment and training center for a minimum of two years at the time they are seated on the Board.
- **Postsecondary Student Services:** Employed as a direct service provider at an established Alaskan postsecondary institution, for whom day-to-day support to postsecondary students is a substantial job component, for a minimum of two years at the time they are seated on the Board.
- **Alaska Native:** Enrolled in a federally recognized Alaskan tribe and residing in Alaska at the time they are seated on the Board.

The Election Process:

Nominations should be submitted to the Network Election Committee via email (65by2025@gmail.com) or fax (907.269.7991) no later than Friday, February 24, 2017, at 5:00PM Alaska time. After the nomination deadline has passed, the Network Election Committee will review the nominations to ensure all designated nominees meet criteria. The Network Election Committee will contact any nominees who did not self-nominate, to give them the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination.

The Election Committee will then publish and distribute nominee biographies and election procedures to the Board of Directors and current Network members at least 10 calendar days prior to election start date. The elections will be conducted via confidential polling system, which will be sent out to all current Network members via the Network Member List.

If interested, nominees will have the opportunity to make a short statement during the Network Membership meeting on Thursday, March 23, at the 2017 Alaska Can! Conference.

Current Network members will have the opportunity to vote between Monday, March 20, and Sunday, March 26, 2017. **All polling responses must be received no later than March 26, 2017 at 5:00 PM Alaska time.** Only one polling response per Network member is allowed.

The Election Committee will tally ballots and notify all nominees of official results no later than Friday, March, 31. Official Election results will be distributed to the Network Listserv on Monday, April 3rd. Newly elected Directors will be seated at the Network's April Board of Directors meeting on April 20, 2017.

Have Additional Questions? If you have any question about the nomination or election process, please call Network Staff, Barbara Mongar, at 907-269-7973, or e-mail barbara.mongar@alaska.gov