



## Board of Director Elections

Are you ready to make a difference by helping to build stronger, healthier, and safer neighborhoods and communities? If so, consider becoming a Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) board member.

### Number and Election

Neighborhoods, USA has a 21-member Board of Directors. Each year during the annual conference in May, the general membership elects' members to the Board from a slate of candidates prepared by the Board Development Committee. Efforts are made to encourage a regional balance, and as such, only two board members from the same city can serve on the NUSA Board of Directors.

Equitable representation of all community interests is desired for the Board and includes neighborhood residents, elected officials, working practitioners and private sector representatives consistent with the purpose of the organization.

### Tenure and Transition

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve a 3-year term. The terms are staggered so as to require an annual election of one-third of the Board's membership. A full term is defined to be at least two-thirds of a 3-year term. No member shall serve more than three full consecutive 3-year terms. In no case shall a member be eligible for re-election or appointment until twelve months after the completion of their third term. Terms of office begin on the first day of the fall Board meeting.

### Requirements - Running for the Neighborhoods, USA Board of Directors

- Must be a member in good standing of NUSA.
- Must be a member of the organization at least one year prior to becoming a candidate.
- All 2020 prospective candidates must have attended one of the Running for the NUSA Board workshops held during a previous NUSA Conference. Future prospective candidates, for terms starting in 2021 and after, should take one of the Running for the NUSA Board workshops being offered at the 2020 NUSA Conference.
- To ensure a regional balance, as well as an equitable representation of all community interests, there shall not exceed more than two (2) current board members serving from the same city, and no more than three (3) from the same state.
- Must have attended one previous NUSA conference within the last 3 years.
- Must be able to attend meetings of the NUSA board at his/her own expense.
- Must attend the opening breakfast during the annual conference.
- Must attend the Saturday NUSA Business Meeting during the annual conference.
- Must attend the Saturday closing luncheon during the conference.
- Must submit a high-resolution color photo with the attached Board of Directors Application Form. If you are emailing your application, please include a photograph (2" x 3" or 3" x 5") in electronic form. The photos you submit will be used for publication in NUSA's spring

newsletter. No photocopied or faxed pictures will be accepted, as the quality of the photo you submit must be acceptable for publication purposes?

## **All applications must be submitted by Feb. 15, 2021.**

### **Board Duties**

NUSA is a working board, and all individual board members have duties and obligations that must be fulfilled. Below is a list of NUSA's standing committees and typical duties:

- **Awards Program Committee** – Responsibilities include but are not limited to: the administration of all aspects related to the existing NUSA awards program including the annual update of award applications, solicitation of award applications, facilitation of judging, and the award presentations.
- **Board Development Committee** – Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: reviewing and updating the NUSA Board Manual and all election forms on an annual basis, development, and implementation of all election procedures, monitoring and facilitation of board elections, and providing orientation for new board members.
- **Membership Service Committee** – Responsibilities include, but are not limited to development of membership cards, responding to membership service requests, and oversight of the NUSA Affiliate program.
- **Program Development Committee** – Responsibilities include but are not limited to oversight of the conference host city's plans for the annual conference, reviewing the Host Entity Bid Packet, and facilitating the Host City selection process.
- **Public Affairs Committee** – Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: promoting NUSA, responding to media requests and oversight of NUSA communications via print, web, and social media.
- **Bylaws and Rules Committee** – Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: annually reviewing NUSA's bylaws and standing rules, updating standing rules for consistency with the NUSA bylaws, recommending NUSA bylaw edits, and validating motions and resolutions submitted to the Board for general membership approval.
- **Resource Development Committee** – Responsibilities include, but are not limited to researching and reviewing opportunities for financial partnerships, sponsorships, and donations.

If you are interested in running for the NUSA Board of Directors, [click here to access the application](#) that must be returned back to us by **Feb. 15, 2021**. This link is to an interactive PDF file that you can complete by downloading the file, opening it with your Adobe Reader software, and typing in your responses into the fields (you can also print out the form, print legibly in fields please, then scan and email back to us).

If you have any questions or need more information, contact the Board Development Committee via [email](#). When you have completed your application, you can submit it and your photograph [by email](#) or by mail to:

***NUSA Board Development Committee  
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