

Join the Board of Directors

Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in British Columbia (ESEBC)

About ESEBC

The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in British Columbia (ESEBC) is a provincial non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by epilepsy and seizures.

Since 1999, we have provided education, support, and advocacy across British Columbia, serving clients in more than 50 communities, including many rural and remote regions.

Our work is rooted in compassion, inclusivity, empowerment, collaboration, and integrity. Our vision is a future where all British Columbians living with epilepsy and seizures can thrive without barriers.

The Need

Approximately 55,000 people in British Columbia live with epilepsy, a neurological condition that can present significant health, social, and economic challenges.

Individuals living with epilepsy often face stigma, barriers to employment and transportation, the high cost of medication, and mental health challenges associated with isolation and uncertainty.

ESEBC works to reduce stigma and improve quality of life by delivering education, community awareness programs, and direct support services to individuals, families, educators, and community partners.

Board Opportunity

ESEBC is currently implementing its 2024–2027 Strategic Plan and is seeking passionate and committed individuals from across British Columbia to join our Board of Directors.

We are looking for individuals who bring strategic thinking, governance experience, and a commitment to advancing equitable access to health education and support services.

We welcome applicants who reflect the diversity of British Columbia, including individuals from rural and remote communities and those with lived experience.

Skills and Expertise

To strengthen the Board's collective expertise and ensure diverse perspectives that reflect the communities we serve, we are particularly interested in candidates with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Governance and board leadership
- Finance and accounting

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- Legal
- Neurophysiology or general healthcare
- Advocacy for individuals facing barriers
- Fundraising, sponsorship, or resource development
- Event planning, event coordination, or community engagement initiatives
- Indigenous leadership, community knowledge, or lived experience within Indigenous communities
- Lived experience with epilepsy or seizure disorders

ESEBC is committed to building a Board that reflects the diversity of British Columbia. We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous peoples, individuals from rural and remote communities, and those with lived or family experience with epilepsy or seizure disorders.

Role of the Board

Board members provide strategic leadership and governance to support the long-term success and sustainability of the organization. Responsibilities include:

- Actively promoting ESEBC and leveraging knowledge, expertise, connections, networks, and resources to support ESEBC in achieving its mission, vision, and goals
- Ensuring ESEBC's continued financial integrity and financial sustainability, and providing recommendations for improvement or corrective measures as required
- Engaging in strategic planning for the organization and fund development and actively participate in organizational fundraising
- Participate regularly in assessing the Board's performance and playing a key role in strategic development, performance measurement, risk management and board governance
- Review and maintain ESEBC's governance and operating policies and procedures

Commitment

Board members are expected to:

- Attend **6–9 virtual board meetings annually**
- Participate in committee work and occasional strategic discussions between meetings
- Serve a **2–3 year term** (term limits currently under review)

Apply

If you are passionate about improving the lives of people living with epilepsy and seizures in British Columbia, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your resume and completed application form outlining your interest and relevant experience to:

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Applications are reviewed by the Board of Directors to ensure a strong alignment between candidates' skills and the needs of the organization.

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