

## Join the ESEBC Board of Directors

### About Us

Since 1999, the Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in British Columbia (ESEBC) has provided support, information and education to British Columbians affected by epilepsy and seizures. Our offices are in the Fraser Valley, and we currently serve clients in more than 50 BC communities, many of them rural or remote. Our work is about people and relationships, and we actively model our values of compassion, integrity, inclusivity, empowerment and collaboration in our programs and outreach. Our long-term vision is a future where all British Columbians with epilepsy and seizure flourish and thrive without barriers.

### Background

In BC an estimated 55,000 people live with epilepsy and globally, 1 in 100 people live with epilepsy. Epilepsy can affect anyone at any time and individuals living with epilepsy can face significant stigma. They also confront the physical and cognitive challenges of the disease, as well as many confounding barriers such as inability to hold a drivers license or gain meaningful employment, the high cost of medication, mental health challenges and a profound sense of isolation. At ESEBC we help reduce stigma and ensure individuals have access to education, awareness programs, and services and supports that will enhance self-care and quality of life.

### Do You Have a Heart for Our Work?

Post Covid, ESEBC has worked to renew and rebuild our services, and have a current strategic plan for 2024-2027. We are seeking new board members **throughout BC** who are passionate about our mission to provide support, resources, and education to British Columbians affected by epilepsy and seizure.

### You Could Be a Great Match for Us!

To ensure the board's composition encompasses the skills, experience, knowledge, perspectives, independence, regional representation and diversity that align with the strategic needs of the organization, we are seeking individuals **throughout BC** with strategic and analytical skills, a 'big picture' perspective, compassion and a strong commitment to improving the lives of people affected by epilepsy along with **expertise in one or more** of the following areas:

- Governance and strategic oversight
- Finance
- Legal
- Neurophysiology or General Medical/Healthcare experience
- Advocacy for individuals with barriers

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- Event planning and marketing
- Fundraising and resource development
- Personal or lived experience with epilepsy
- Members of Indigenous communities

#### Responsibilities Include:

- Actively promoting ESEBC, acting as a Community Ambassador and using Board members' influence to positively contribute to advancing reputation and brand of the organization
- Ensuring ESEBC's continued financial integrity and financial sustainability, and providing recommendations for improvement or corrective measures as required
- Leveraging knowledge, expertise, connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve ESEBC's mission, vision, and goals
- 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
- Attending 6-9 meetings of the Board of Directors annually via videoconference
- Being accessible for personal contact in between board meetings via email correspondence and phone calls
- Participating for a 2–3-year term of office (Current term limits under review)

#### Next Steps

Please review our website at [www.esebc.ca](http://www.esebc.ca) before applying to learn more about our work.

Please send your resume **AND** the application form outlining how your interests and expertise could be a fit for ESEBC to our Executive Director, Christine Petkau, at [executivedirector@esebc.ca](mailto:executivedirector@esebc.ca). Please feel free to email Christine with any questions you may have about this role. Our board of directors reviews all applications to determine the best fit for our organization.

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the work of ESEBC. We sincerely appreciate the time and care applicants take in submitting their materials.

While we review every application carefully, the volume of interest means that we are only able to contact candidates selected to move forward in the recruitment process.