

## NWONL 2027 Board Nomination Guide

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### Board Service Expectations

Serving on the NWONL Board is to share in the responsibility to shape the mission, vision, and strategic direction of the organization; oversee educational, leadership, and legislative work; steward finances and partnerships; represent and give voice to members; and ensure strong, ethical governance through effective oversight of the Executive Director and board processes.

### 2027 Board Positions:

- **President Elect:** 3 yr. total commitment. NWONL & AONL membership required. In this role, you serve on the Board and Executive Committee, stand ready to assume the President's duties, and help shape nominations, legislative activities, and fair elections.
- **Secretary-Treasurer Elect:** 2 yr. total commitment. NWONL & AONL membership required. Prepare to become NWONL's next Secretary-Treasurer by serving on the Board, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee while leading Finance and supporting elections.
- **Development Commission Co-Chair:** 2 yr. total commitment. NWONL membership required. Help shape NWONL's future by leading a rolling plan for educational programs and membership growth, planning and supporting events, reviewing participant feedback, partnering with Finance on budgets, and supporting commission succession.
- **Leadership Commission Co-Chair:** 2 yr. total commitment. NWONL membership required. Influence the regional practice of nursing by leading a rolling plan on legislative, regulatory, and practice issues, informing members, engaging partners, coordinating education and dialogue, fostering best-practice sharing, supporting succession, and reporting progress to the Board and membership.

## Core Criteria for Nominees:

Applicants should read the "Position and Disclosure" document for each appointment they are seeking nomination. **All terms begin January 1, 2027.**

- Nominee is a current member of NWONL, and current member of AONL if seeking President or Secretary - Treasurer Elect roles plus has the ability to make the time commitment associated with the role.
- Actively holds a senior level position in a health care delivery organization with the demonstrated ability to engage and influence nursing outside of their own organizations, ideally at a regional or national level.
- Serving on the NWONL Board includes a commitment to identify, disclose, and appropriately manage any real or potential conflicts of interest, and all nominees should be prepared to participate in ongoing conflict-of-interest evaluation as part of their board responsibilities.
- By submitting an application the nominee confirms all information provided is both true and accurate and approves of their application information to be shared for review by the NWONL Nominations Committee and key information shared with NWONL Members during election if their application is approved.

## Information and Documentation Required for Validation of Eligibility:

- **Name, credentials, current position/title, organization and RN license number** of nominee.
- Summary history of **NWONL membership and current/past roles** required.
- Summary history of **AONL membership and current/past roles** if applicable.
- Any other **relevant board, committee, commission positions** for consideration.
- **A brief 1 paragraph personal bio**, to be used in elections if nomination is approved.
- **A 150 word statement answering:** *"What do you feel is the most significant challenge in healthcare, and ultimately for NWONL members, moving ahead to the next year and how you might address this?"* To be used in elections if nomination is approved.
- **Statement disclosing any potential conflict of interests**, real or potential.

## Nomination Application Submission

- **Email:** in PDF or Word/G-Doc form (as attachments) to **admin@nwonl.org**
- Applications for nomination are **due no later than July 25th, 2026.**