



2024 NAMI Elections
NAMI National Board of Directors Nomination Packet
Incorporated NAMI State Organizations and NAMI Affiliates (Model A/C)

Thank you for your interest in nominating a candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI National Board of Directors! Please send the completed form and accompanying documents to candidates@nami.org. Nominations must be received by NAMI **no later than April 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

The Board of _____
(Name of NAMI Affiliate or NAMI State Organization [NSONA])

in a meeting duly convened with a quorum present on _____, voted
(Date)

to nominate _____ as a candidate for the NAMI
(First and Last Name)

Board of Directors. We are pleased to make this nomination and feel confident they will be able to meet and fulfill the NAMI Board duties and obligations.

Check that the following items accompany submission of this form:

Board meeting minutes of the meeting at which the nomination was approved.

A letter of nomination on organization letterhead signed by the chief officer of the nominating NSONA. If the chief officer is the nominee, then another proper officer must sign. A scanned original is acceptable. A letter template is available [here](#).

Certification affirming...

- The nominating NSONA is in good standing.
- The nominating NSONA will abide by NAMI's "no campaigning" policy.
- The candidate being nominated will meet the expectations outlined in the NAMI Board Procedures Manual and the NAMI Board Policy & Governance Manual.

Responses to the Nominator Narrative questions.

Candidate's email address: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: * _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

**This form must be signed by the chief officer (President or Executive Director) of the nominating NSONA. If the Chief Officer is the nominee, then another proper officer must be the signatory.*

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CERTIFICATION

In Good Standing

NSONAs must affirm that they comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulatory requirements and adhere to the NAMI governing documents to put forth a nomination.

All incorporated NSONAs must satisfy the 'In Good Standing' criteria listed below:

1. Adherence to the signed state charter or affiliate agreement with NAMI.
2. For Affiliates, at least 5 active members. For NSOs, at least 3 affiliates in good standing (except DC).
3. Two certified NAMI Program Leaders, offering either NAMI National Signature Program classes or support groups.
4. Active IRS tax-exempt status as a 501(c)3 organization.
5. Active state incorporation in the state where they operate.
6. Active state charitable registration in the state(s) where they solicit donations, if required.
7. Verified contact information with NAMI.

Please initial where noted to affirm _____.

"No Campaigning" Policy

NAMI seeks to conduct a fair elections process for all Board candidates and nominators. To that end, both nominators and candidates are asked to respond affirmatively to their agreement with the following two items.

** NAMI has a "no campaigning" and egalitarian treatment of all candidates. This policy was initiated to maintain decorum in NAMI elections and to retain a fair elections process for all candidates. Candidates may not directly solicit members for their support. Candidates may not use their personal social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and any other additional platforms that NAMI identifies in its sole discretion), those of NAMI organizations, those of individuals or groups supportive of their candidacy or with a vested interest in the outcome of the NAMI election, to advertise and promote their candidacy. Candidates' venues for reaching voting members may vary from year to year but are specified at the outset of each election season by the NAMI Board Policy & Governance committee. Candidates are expected to demonstrate their leadership by upholding this policy themselves and by intervening promptly in the event that their supporters may act outside the spirit of this policy.*

** In the event that candidates do not uphold this policy, the NAMI Elections Chair may impose limitations on the promotion of an individual's candidacy. These limitations shall be determined in the sole discretion of NAMI and may include, but not be limited to: informing voting entities of campaigning violations, reducing and/or eliminating candidates in violation access to approved venues to reach voting members.*

Please initial where noted to affirm _____.

Board Member Expectations

Nominators are also asked to affirm that they believe the candidate they are putting forward will meet or exceed the expectations outlined in the NAMI Board Procedures Manual and NAMI Board Policy & Governance Manual.

- View the NAMI Board Procedures Manual [here](#).
- View the NAMI Policy & Governance Manual [here](#).

** I have reviewed the NAMI Board Procedures Manual and NAMI Board Policy & Governance Manual and affirm that the candidate will meet or exceed these expectations.*

Please initial where noted to affirm _____.

NOMINATOR NARRATIVE

NAMI Board service demands experience, knowledge, commitment, and time to help others. Board members must be passionate about NAMI's goals, values, and beliefs. This year, the NAMI Board is highlighting specific skills that they are seeking in candidates to strengthen the current skill sets on the board. You can review the [2024 Open Letter](#) from the NAMI Board President for more information on the call for candidates.

Please respond to the prompts below in 100 words or less. Responses will be included as written as part of the candidate profile presented to the NAMI voting membership.

Please list the skill areas identified in the Open Letter in which this candidate excels.

Explain any additional skill areas in which this candidate excels not identified in the Open Letter that you believe would be an asset to the NAMI Board.

Please complete these two statements:

- This individual has helped advance the NAMI mission in my community by...
- This individual works well in coordination with other leaders to accomplish goals as evidenced by...

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