

Board Fact Sheet 2022



Interested in becoming a board member?

SIN Board is calling for nominations from members interested in becoming a board member. Being a board member is just one of many ways you can contribute your time and energy to the sex worker community. So, it's important to decide whether it is the right fit for you. Much of SIN's day-to-day work is direct community engagement (talking to and engaging with peers, like yourself), but being a board member includes more behind the scenes work including;

- *Ensuring SIN meets its obligations to its funders, through helping write, edit, or approve reports*
- *Contributing to discussions about what funding SIN applies for, or what events it participates in, according to whether these activities match our objectives*
- *Meeting with politicians (or other stakeholders) to discuss law reform in South Australia*
- *Participating in small working-groups to progress important matters, like: writing organisational policies or improving social media engagement*
- *The SIN Board meets every six weeks (face to face or online) for around 2.5 hours, and members are expected to contribute to online discussion between meetings.*

The commitment:

Board members are elected for a 2year term, and are encouraged to take 2 months' leave during their term.

Board meetings are held every six weeks and last approximately 2.5 hours. Board members should allow a further 1 to 2 hours to read board papers etc and prepare for board meetings.

Through the six weeks, the board is expected to engage in discussions via Microsoft Teams.

Different board roles will have specific responsibilities and this will require a further time commitment.

In addition to this, at busy times there may be significant work required outside of meeting times.

The perks:

There is a small budget for board meetings which is used to provide a modest meal as well as a small payment or 'sitting fee' of \$75 provided to board members to help cover the costs related to attending meetings.

Still interested?

If you have read all the information on this fact sheet and had all your questions answered, and you are still feeling enthusiastic about nominating to be part of the SIN board, the next step is to complete the attached nomination form and return it to SIN before the closing date (Nominations open until 6.30pm on the 27th of October, 2022). Ensure all sections of the form are complete before submitting it via the email or postal address provided on the form, or in person to the SIN office. We will notify you once we have received your completed nomination form. If you have any issues completing the form or having it endorsed by two existing members, please contact SIN for assistance:

SIN Board thesinboard@sin.org.au

Vacant Board Positions

Nominations are now open for the following board positions. Please note that all duties can be negotiated and delegated between board members but these are the general responsibilities for each of the positions that are vacant. If you are interested and want to chat about what to expect we encourage you to get in touch with the Board.

President – Act as the official contact for the organisation along with the General Manager. Ensure members are consulted on a regular basis. Contribute to setting the agenda for meetings, chair meetings, ensure that the objectives and rules of the organisation are upheld and that the board fulfil their legal responsibilities.

Vice President – Has a close relationship with the President and may assist in any of the President’s tasks.

Secretary – Prepare agenda for meetings; takes accurate minutes of all meetings; responsible for official communication with members and maintains the membership list.

General Member – The two General member positions can take on tasks from any of the above roles as well as working on matters as they arise.

Proxy Member – These positions are not full board members but will be asked to “step up” and fulfil board duties approximately 3 months in the year when other board members take leave.

How you can expect to be supported:

If you have the desire, time, and energy to be a board member but not sure you have the confidence or skill-set, there are ways that we can support you:

- SIN Board will hold workshops and orientation sessions as required to support new members.
- Elections to the board are staggered making it more likely that there will always be existing board members available to support newly elected members.
- Apart from regular board positions, the proxy members have the opportunity to shadow the elected board members, observe decision making, and can step-up to fill a position when an elected board member needs a break.
- SIN Board positions and their responsibilities are flexible; you can discuss and tailor your contribution. For example, while traditionally the Treasurer handles financial matters, and the Secretary organises documents for monthly meetings, the SIN Constitution states that roles and responsibilities can be shared amongst members regardless of title.
- There is a small budget for training opportunities that will build the capacity of the board.